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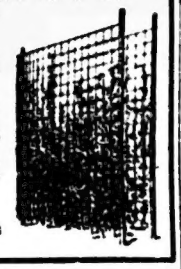

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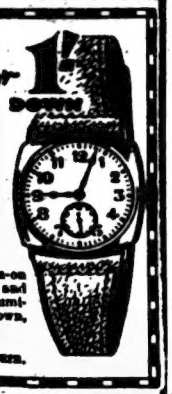

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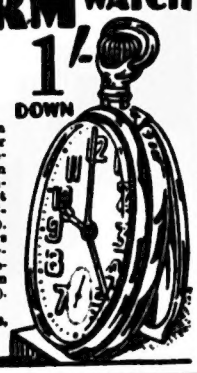

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Budget Hopes are Brighter

Disarm those Policemen

Brazen "Big Bill"

REVENUE from this year's taxes is coming in so well that the Budget outlook is not as bad as was feared, though still baffling for Mr. Snowden.

Income-tax, surtax and death duties e £16,000,000 up on the correspond- g period last year, and the deficit is ing wiped off at the rate of millions week.

The deficiency will not be more than 0,000,000 at the outside, and may be siderably less.

The provision of that sum will not cessitate any sensational or panicky asures in the Budget.

nd so it goes on . . .

The Conservatives, headed by Sir muel Hoare, have hit on what they nsider a clever plan for widening the ach between e Govern- nt and the berals over e Electoral eform Bill. They are king to in- rporate pro- rtional repre- ntation in e Bill in- ead of the lternative de, knowing ll well that e Liberals gard the tter as a or "second- st."

Sir Samuel heads the plotters

The Govern- ent has eady refused give the iberals R." The Conservatives, by offering to them, are hoping to detach ough Liberal support from the Party t to imperil both the Bill and the vernment.

agrin and Churchill

The success which Mr. Churchill is eting in his agitation over India is g to cause serious trouble, both for Baldwin and for the Government. he Tory "Iron Rule" creed he is aching is gathering Conservative Ps and local officials round him in ndreds.

his means, of course, that all nego- ions with India are going to be ex- ted for Party propaganda purposes, the Government is going to be em- rassed at every turn.

t means also that if the Conser- tives decide to challenge the Govern- nt to a "show-down" over India, natural leader in that encounter not be Mr. Baldwin, who has burnt boats, but Mr. Churchill.

n-stop

ince November, 1929, the Macmillan mmittee, appointed by Mr. Snow- , has been enquiring into the rela- s between finance and industry. er having held some seventy meet- s, the committee has got to the ge of drafting its report.

ven now there is no certainty that report will be submitted to the vernment before the Chancellor is ed upon to make his Budget state- nt.

ince Mr. Lloyd George joined in the ack on "the money barons" new interest has been whipped up at Westminster and in the City as to the recommendations which the committee may make.

It is admitted that the committee is dealing with a complex and difficult subject; but present circumstances should have induced quicker work.

The big squeeze

Some time ago the American Government "intimated" that it would welcome a visit by H.M.S. *Nelson* to its own fleet.

The visit has now taken place, and H.M.S. *Nelson*, which just squeezed through, has paid precisely £4,000 to the Americans for dues incurred in her passage through the Panama Canal.

It seems like asking your guest to pay for his dinner.

"First-class" M.P.s

If M.P.s must have free first-class railway travel at the public expense there should be closer supervision of the privilege.

Parliament sits for only about seven months in the year, but all the year round Members are entitled to use their free vouchers between London and their constituencies.

When Parliament is not sitting Members should be allowed to use their free travel vouchers only when they have to journey to London on public business affecting their constituencies.

For the sake of the good name of public administration—not so much for reasons of economy—there should be no suspicion of any abuse of privileges of this sort. And the Treasury should submit this item of expenditure to new and careful scrutiny.

Their Northern home

The King and Queen, who go North earlier this year, will celebrate the thirty-eighth anniversary of their marriage at Holyrood on July 6.

They will be in residence there for a fortnight, and the number of garden-parties and State functions includes one to take the place of the customary fifth Court.

Second thoughts

Recently, Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., questioned in this paper the accuracy of the cost-of-living index figure that regulates the wages of millions of workers.

Miss Bondfield now says that a new "family budget" for index figure purposes is under consideration.

If you see it . . .

Among the fans

Scotland will be delighted to learn that its own distinguished son, the Prime Minister, will probably visit Glasgow on March 28 to witness the Scotland *v.* England Soccer match.

The game will be played at Hampden Park, which accommodates 140,000 spectators, and Mr. MacDonald is anticipating keenly the thrill of mingling with such a crowd on such an occasion.

Although he is a football enthusiast, it will be his first experience of an international in his own country.

Guns going rusty

The Royal Ulster Constabulary is the only force in the British Isles armed with lethal weapons.

Its members direct traffic and carry out normal police duties wearing heavy revolvers prominently displayed.

It is nearly a decade since Ulster became one of the most peaceful spots in the British Empire, but from the appearance of the police the newcomer may be forgiven for thinking Northern Ireland to be the haunt of gunmen and thugs.

Traders, struggling to attract tourists and new business, lament this misconception, which is bound to continue while the R.U.C. look like trouble searching for a twin brother.

Sir Dawson Bates, Ulster's Home Secretary, should remove the guns and a wrong impression at the same time.

Light-minded lying

Big Bill Thompson, Chicago's amazing mayor, has scored a big hit in the municipal elections by asserting that King George of England gave millions of dollars' worth of wood pulp to the *Chicago Tribune* for propaganda purposes.

Call Big Bill's bluff

His "proof" is a Canadian Government bill of sale bearing the King's name.

We commend this matter to the attention of Mr. Henderson, Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Mussolini recently obtained satisfaction for an equally irresponsible slander, and rightly, because Americans are apparently willing to believe such childish rubbish if official contradiction is not made.

Stocktaking

When the Independent Labour Party annual conference meets in Scarborough at Easter, the National Council will be asked to explain a reduction in membership, branches and revenue.

The official excuse will be unemployment and the trade depression, but there is no doubt that Maxtonian tactics have not proved a success in the past year.

The Left Wingers, anticipating criticism, are contending that a smaller Party will be more efficient in bringing about "Socialism in our time."

The fact remains, however, that the I.L.P. is in a weaker position than it has been for some years.

They must not go

We revealed recently the fact that the local collection of income tax in the provinces was to be reformed. Collectors are to be appointed, not by the local commissioners, as hitherto, but by the Board of Inland Revenue.

With that decision we have no grumble. These collectors have, in most cases, other and more remunerative interests and will not suffer unduly.

But their staffs are composed of regular workers, trained and efficient. This is their only job and source of income.

We hear that they may be replaced by recruits from the Civil Service; we know that they have written to Mr. Snowden stating their case for carrying on. And we hope that the Chancellor will not fail to see that they do.

Money flying blind

The greater part of the report of the committee that enquired into the *R*101 disaster is written and partly printed.

But no assurance can be obtained that it will be published before Parliament is asked to vote more money on the Air Estimates.

The whole question of the future of the Cardington base and the dismantling of *R*100 also remains unsettled.

To vote supplies on the present basis would be recklessly wasteful. We appeal to Mr. Snowden to tackle the Air Ministry.

Sunshine and shadow

The management of the new block of super-luxury flats in the West End informed its millionaire tenants that it will henceforth provide electricity for all purposes at a halfpenny a unit.

We commend this to the attention of municipal authorities who are allowing 8d. a unit to be charged to humble folk in the slums.

Good egg!

One good turn deserves another.

The South African Poultry Association had it pointed out that Britain was practically the only country which bought its eggs—£400,000 worth each year.

So the association decided in return that it would buy its incubators and fowl-pens and wire-netting in Great Britain.

Now grouse about trade!

Ten million pounds' worth of business last year, compared with £8,000,000 in 1929 and £6,000,000 in 1928, is the amazing record of one of America's big advertising agencies.

A lot of that business was handled in this country and the head of the firm has this wise remark to make:

"Our clients, as a rule, spend more in poor times than in boom times, because they can make more headway over competitors."

How about spending some to make some more, you big English firms?

Tainted gold

A provision to prevent any M.P. from sitting in the House "if he is in the pay or service of foreign governments with whom this country does not maintain diplomatic relations" is the ideal of Commander Bellairs and Sir George Hamilton, two of the most active Conservative back-benchers.

We would go further. No M.P. should be in the pay of any foreign government whatever, directly or indirectly.

The ban must be extended to members who are in the pay of anybody at all, outside a legitimate business that has no connection with politics.

Carry on!

In his term of office as Commissioner of Works Mr. Lansbury has added twenty-six acres of sports-ground to the area allocated to this purpose in the Royal Parks. That includes four acres of boating and paddling ponds.

From the opposition and uproar this created we would have thought the new area devoted to games was much larger.

Equally meritorious is a new project to turn the Botanical Gardens, Regent's Park, into an open-air school.

They're right, too!

We recently exposed the case of two Milford Haven youths, Ivor Clifford Thompson and Ronald James Thompson, who after conviction of stealing a bicycle were committed to a mental institution.

Mr. Lovat Fraser, M.P., who has taken up the matter in Parliament, quoted a test question, "Who is Mr. Lloyd George?" to which one boy replied, "a big Labour leader," thereby showing, if not exact information, at least shrewd observation or a sense of numour.

We understand that neither of them is now to be dealt with under the Mental Deficiency Act.

The cold, cold queue

Our unemployed do not expect palaces in which to "sign on," but there is no reason why available shelter should be denied them in bad weather.

At one exchange in the North of England queues have to wait on a bleak corner, swept by winds from the mountains, penetrating rain and often snow.

Through a window they can see a large, empty room which could accommodate them all, and the use of which would cost the authorities nothing.

Men already weakened by lack of good food can ill afford to stand hours in bitter weather. How can they hope to remain fit for the job that may come along?

Officialdom can be human without sacrificing efficiency.

"IF YOU SEE IT—" CONTINUED

Highwaymen of 1931

Fifty-five roads and eighty bridges still charge tolls to the public, although to facilitate road traffic the 1930 Road Act empowered local authorities to remove such out-of-date hindrances by acquisition or negotiation.

Only seven schemes for freeing bridges have so far been initiated.

Now the Transport Ministry is circularising local authorities promising grants of 60 per cent. of the cost of any such schemes.

After this successful hold-up, the local highwaymen should be able to get busy.

A Plymouth patriot

Our recent paragraph commenting on a loan to the Government during the war of £50, free of interest, has brought an interesting letter from Mr. George Hunt, of Stonehouse, Plymouth.

Mr. Hunt, who made this loan, still has the receipt, letter of thanks, and a Treasury certificate presented to him as a memento by order of the late Mr. Bonar Law, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, in March, 1917.

This certificate and one earned by Mrs. Hunt for her war-time V.A.D. work are now framed as reminders of the part the Hunts played in helping King and Country.

A man of iron

When a dog fell into a narrow chasm 135 ft. deep at Treorchy, Glam., Mr. David Evans climbed down to the rescue.

The cleft was scarcely wide enough to allow Mr. Evans free movement, and the task was one demanding nerves of steel.

Not only has he such nerves, but, better still, this hero has a heart of a more precious metal.

For his bravery Mr. Evans gets the National Canine Defence League silver medal. He also gets our warm regard and the devotion of the little dog he saved from terror and starvation.

Wanted: 25,000 widows

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister of Health, is looking for 25 000 missing widows. He wants to offer them all pensions.

Wants to make the widows merry

They are women between the ages of fifty-five and sixty, whose husbands were insured under the health insurance scheme and who died before January 4, 1926.

Over 60.000 such widows have been granted pensions under the 1929 Act, but Mr. Greenwood estimates that there are at least another 25,000 who are entitled to benefit, but have not yet applied for the boon which is their just and legal right.

Broken by the beaks

Mr. Justice Charles spoke strongly, and rightly so, at Manchester Assizes when he thoroughly castigated the local justices for demanding impossible bail from poor prisoners.

And a good judge, too

Two men went to prison while awaiting trial because they could not satisfy the demands of the magistrates. Both were able to prove their innocence, but a month in jail cost one man his job and lost the other practically all his business.

The judge described the demand for a surety of £50 as "shocking," and made some scathing remarks about the disregard for the future of the accused men. It would have been adequate had they been released on their own recognisances.

Perhaps the justices will find a job for one and rebuild the business of the other. Perhaps.

Cost of dying falls

In certain south Lancashire towns, where influenza is raging and other illnesses taking their toll, a ghoulish business is in progress.

Unscrupulous and heartless undertakers are tracing cases of serious illness and approach the families with cut-price terms for burial in case of death.

While "t'owd man" has his strength, he will know how to deal with such coffin-peddling pests.

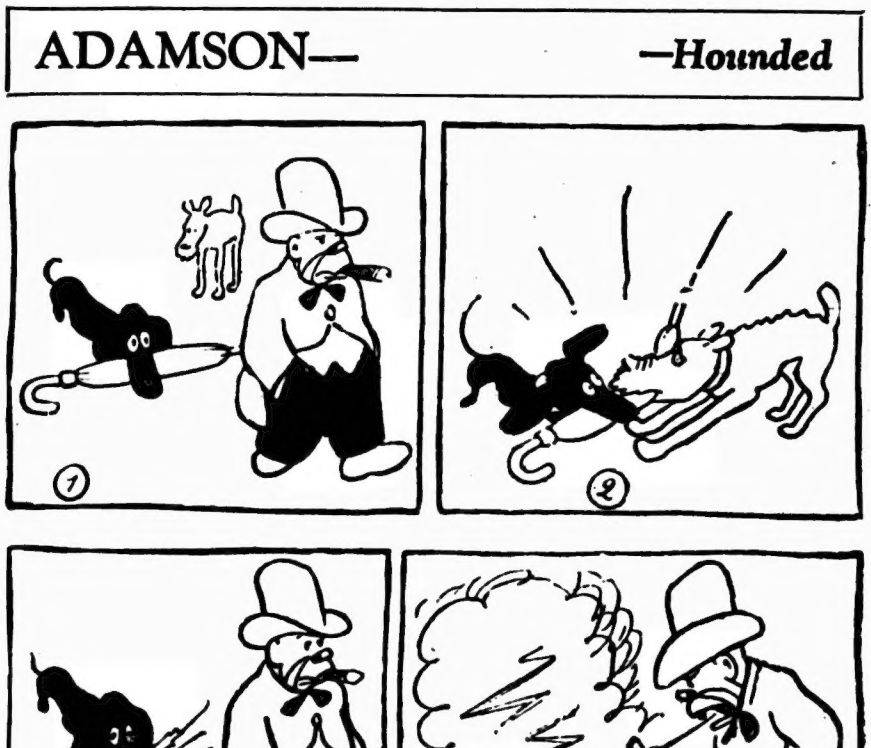
What sort of gas?

In December, 1929, a contract was signed in Glasgow for the daily supply of 20,000,000 cubic feet of gas to the city as from August, 1932. This was the Gardner gas contract.

No action has been taken to erect the necessary plant and works, and the scheme appears likely to be abandoned.

A demand for an official investigation is now being made by a minority of the council who strongly criticised the scheme in the first place.

ADAMSON— —Hounded



Religious hard labour

To work for the Church is not always to work for a model employer.

According to information given to Mr. W. Lawther, M.P., in the House of Commons, three of five permanent employees of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners at Stanhope, Durham, receive 7s. a day.

Another man, suffering from a disablement, gets only 5s. The fifth man is the "wealthy" one. He gets 9s. 6d.

In addition, three temporary workers get 7s. a day. And the Commissioners are worth millions!

Why the difference?

Bradford housewives want to know why half of them have to pay sevenpence a quart for milk while the other half get it for sixpence.

The cost of cattle food has gone down by half, but farmers have not passed on the benefit to the needy workers who have suffered big wage reductions.

They are entitled to cheaper milk and cheaper bread. The same justice is patiently awaited in other towns.

Do it now!

It is becoming more and more difficult to convince the Ministry of Pensions that a disability is due to war service.

There is, unfortunately, no statutory right to an award in cases which fail to be considered under the special regulations framed for dealing with belated claims.

We advise ex-soldiers, who have good grounds for a pension to lose no time in getting in touch with their local pensions offices, where they can obtain the necessary forms.

Spotted fever clue?

Mr. Tom Groves, the M.P. who leads the anti-vaccination group in the House of Commons, is wondering whether the recent outbreaks of spotted fever—cerebro-spinal-meningitis—have anything to do with vaccination.

He has secured from Mr. Montague, Under-Secretary for Air, the information that of the twelve Air Force recruits who contracted the disease at Uxbridge—six of them died—eleven had been vaccinated during the last five months.

Real pals

Sixty members and friends of the Bretforton branch of the British Legion turned out the other day and dug the land belonging to the widow of Aubrey Jelfs.

In two and a half hours they completed work which would have lasted one man for a month.

Such men hold the British Legion together as firmly as they held the British lines in years of war.

Mother love's penalty

Because the man she "married" two years ago turns out to be a bigamist, a young Scottish woman has been refused relief for herself and her baby.

The "husband" has vanished with the police on his track, and all the comfort the stranded and betrayed woman gets from the authorities is the information that she cannot obtain relief as she is now legally "unmarried."

She would gladly take work, but will not give up her fourteen-months-old child. What mother would?

The better the day . . .

Because, so he says, it interferes with the busy routine of the church, the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays, rector of Finchley, threatens to refuse to marry couples on Sundays when the wedding can take place just as well on Saturdays.

Sunday weddings are growing too popular for some of our clergy, while others raise no objection to the extra work involved.

Personally, we think Mr. Bernays is showing neither a proper spirit nor a true sense of his office.

In any case, he cannot refuse to conduct Sunday weddings. He admits as much; so why does he utter a futile threat?

The Dean of Chichester Challenges Spiritualism

DO the Churches realise the danger that Spiritualism is? There can be very little question that for very large numbers of people it provides a substitute for religion.

It is said, and I see no reason to question it, that there are over four hundred spiritualistic places of worship in Great Britain. London has at least three spiritualistic services of importance every Sunday night. They are all held in theatres.

A "trance sermon" delivered by a Mrs. Morris has been described. During the singing of a hymn the medium went off into a trance. She then stepped towards the front of the stage.

"The medium's face," it was stated, "had altered in expression. It was fuller; one would have said that the delicate features were blurred, or perhaps one should say coarsened. Her voice was stronger and more masculine.

"She grasped her frock at the opening of the neck as if she were grasping the lapels of a coat, a clasp she maintained during most of her thirty-five-minutes' address. . . . She turned incessantly from side to side with a jerky movement, and she spoke with unfailing fluency."

The "sermon" was not distinguished by any magnetic quality, and its theme was the power of communing with the unseen world possessed by the early Christian Church—so it was said—but lost by the organisation known as the Church, until it was revived by the Spiritualists.

OBVIOUSLY a lot of people find such "sermons" impressive. Otherwise it would not be worth while to hire the Fortune Theatre.

Every effort is made to impart a religious and pseudo-Christian character to the séance. The medium's utterance is called a sermon. It is preceded by a reading from the Bible.

On one occasion it was the passage describing David's triumph over the Philistines—in other words, the triumph of the Spiritualists over the stupid, prejudiced Church-people. At the end the medium professed to give the Benediction.

The challenge is plain. Spiritualism is setting up a Church in opposition to all recognised forms of Christianity—different and better! That is their cry.

The Churches must take notice of it, and they should all unite to expose the fallacy of the Spiritualist claims.

The Anglican Church, the Roman Catholic Church and the Free Churches differ from one another on various points. But their differences do not go so deep as the cleavage that separates them from the Spiritualists.

The difference is this. All other Churches appeal to the Bible, and on broad lines they interpret it in the same way. They accept the great summing-up of Christian experience enshrined in the Creed.

The Spiritualist claims, on the other hand, to have a new and peculiar revelation, which puts all the rest out of court.

The assertion that the early Church claimed to have direct contact with the spirit world, in the sense that the Spiritualist claims it, is sheer, unhistorical rubbish.

EARLY Christians prayed for the dead and they believed that the dead prayed for them. But that is quite different.

Spiritualism is not even a Christian heresy. It is a rival religion, founded on a mixture of fraud and self-deception.

Why does it appeal to people? There are two reasons. One acted very powerfully at the time of the war and afterwards.

Thousands of mothers and fathers had lost their sons in most tragic circumstances. Many were reported "missing." Weeks, months went by, and nothing more was heard of them. The agony of suspense became unbearable.

Minds tended to become overwrought, so that when at last the sorrowing parents were informed that their boy was presumed dead it was more than they could bear.

For weeks and weeks what they had looked for was *news*. And that was what they wanted. News!

And what better help and consolation could there be than news of the departed? So eager were they for news that they would grasp at anything.

And it must be observed that, even if they were sceptical at first, there very often was something that looked like proof, enough anyhow for those who had a strong will to believe already.

This then was the first great cause for the advance of Spiritualism since the war. And, since to lose friends by death is part of the human lot, it is a cause that will go on working, unless clear and definite teaching is opposed to it, and the fallacy of the supposed satisfaction shown up.

But a new feature has now appeared on the scene. The Spiritualist has discovered a second weapon for exercising his control over people's minds—and pockets!

SPIRITUALIST healers have now appeared. There is a true kind of faith-healing. What that is cannot be expounded here, though faith, it may be said, is an important element in therapeutics. But the Spiritualist healer is a very different matter.

How does he work? He gives out that he is under the control of some clever doctor who has passed away. He does not profess any special knowledge of disease on his own account. He is, in fact, only the medium who passes on the power that works through him.

There is one "practising" not so far from Hyde Park, London, at the present moment. The patient goes to him. The healer asks what is the matter.

Then he sits down opposite the patient, and throws back his head. There is a gurgling noise. He is in a trance. It is no longer himself who speaks. It is Dr. So-and-so.

Let us suppose the patient is suffering from a disease of the eyes. The healer then goes up to the patient, passes his hands over the eyes, shakes his hands as though shaking off some slime, and sits down. There is another jerk and a gurgling noise, and the healer is himself again.

He refuses to shake hands with the patient, because there are microbes on his hands. But he pockets the two guineas.

Here, surely, is a matter for the medical profession to look into. And also the clergy.

Because it is obvious that if Spiritualists are able to persuade people that they can heal the sick as well as raise the dead, they will have the materials at hand for building up a kind of parody of the Christian religion. And that is what they are doing.

Perhaps someone will say, "But how if they do heal? Does not that prove their case?"

No, it does not. A few sporadic healings merely prove what I have said already, that where there is faith there will very often be a return to health. And the faith may be set going by very curious means.

It is worth pointing out that Jesus Christ did not appeal to His miracles of healing as proof of His authority.

AGAIN, it is undoubtedly true that at séances messages have been received that sound quite plausible.

But how? Were they really messages from beyond the grave? Most unlikely.

We are only just beginning to understand the power of telepathy, suggestion, and the unconscious mind. If the minds of those who are expecting a message are full of a certain person, that fact, even that person's name and description, may well communicate itself to a medium who is in a hypnotic condition.

There remain two stumbling-blocks that Spiritualists have to get over.

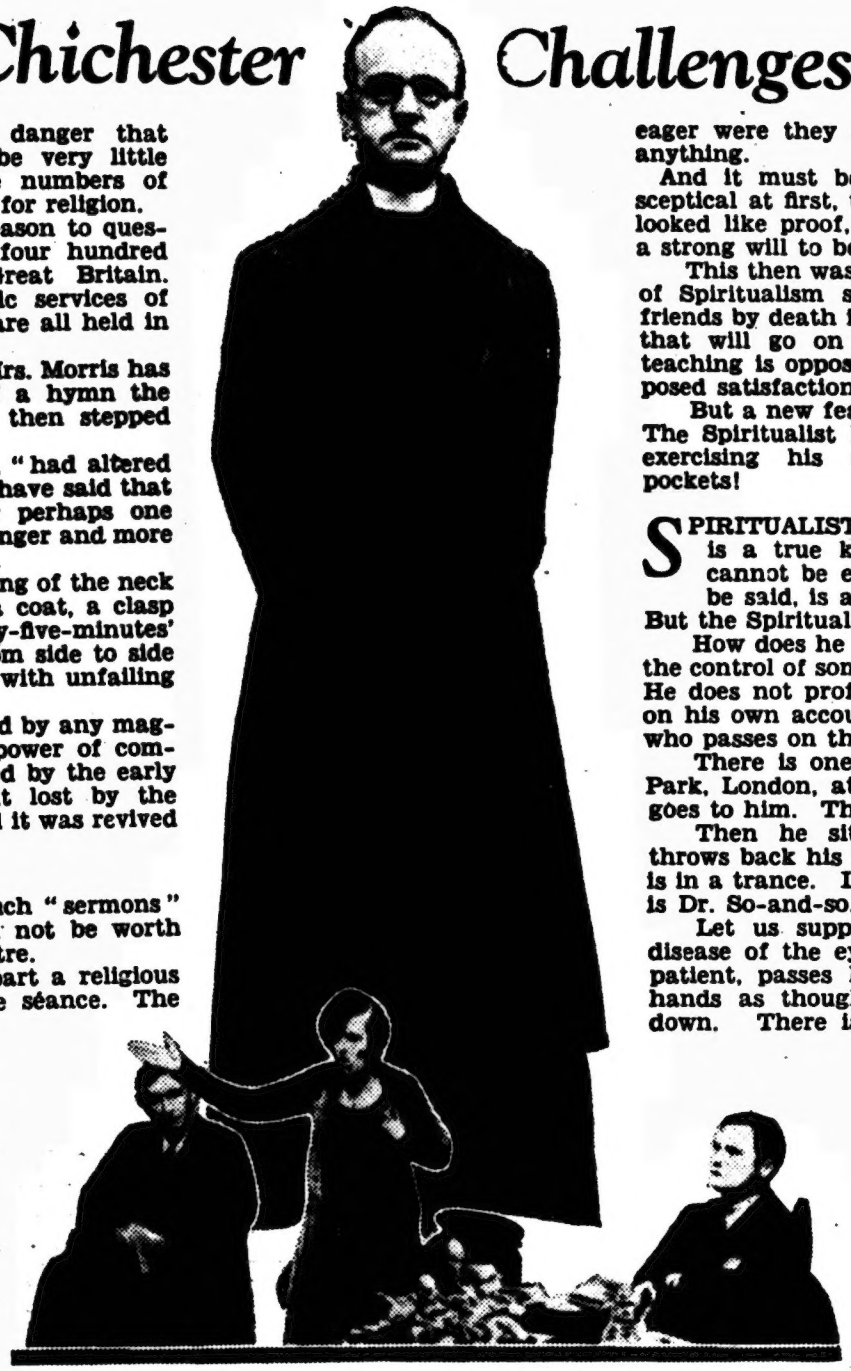
One is the very unimpressive character of the medium in many instances. Is it possible to believe that any Higher Power is really working through them?

The other is—the rubbish they talk in their hypnotic state. Has any worth-while communication yet been made?

The fact that Spiritualism is irrational does not mean that it has no power. Quite the contrary. It appeals to two of the tenderest spots in the human heart—the fear of pain and the sorrow of parting.

And also it appeals to that latent superstition which always gets a chance when conviction about the true God is weak.

The Churches must confront Spiritualism with a positive teaching about the God Who appeals to the reason and the conscience.



Mrs. Morris delivering her "trance sermon." "The Church must expose the fallacy of the Spiritualist claims"—says the Dean, the Very Rev. A. S. Duncan Jones, B.D.

DO THE CHURCHES REALISE THE

MENACE OF THE SEANCE?

THE BISHOPS SHOULD ACT!

"WHAT Christian who has learned the meaning of the blessed hope of everlasting life can feel any patience with dabblers in occultism? . . .

"If these stories were true they would add a new terror to death. . . .

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People love him because they see in him a little of themselves—a little of their own vanity, their own folly, their own decency, their own fortune.

You have become a legend almost in your own time. The Children of All Ages can scarcely believe that it is you when they see you in the flesh. "Charlie" is just Peter Pan grown up and down on his luck!

I hope you will never be down on yours.

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. LORD SANKEY,
Lord Chancellor

MY LORD,—I am delighted to learn that you are appointing a large number of working men and women to the magisterial benches of this country. Such recruits are long overdue.

The idea that only the fox-hunting squire and the aldermanic grocer make ideal magistrates has been exploded.

But what I want to see now is a bold move to appoint stipendiaries to each big centre. Cost money? May be, but it will mean cheaper and better justice for the public in the long run.

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. A. W. ADAMSON, M.P.
Secretary for Scotland

DEAR SECRETARY,—Prisoners awaiting trial in Glasgow are underfed. Those arrested in the afternoon have their first meal after the courts have concluded the next morning.

Magistrates are rightly demanding reform, and say that the accused should have supper and breakfast. I agree. Not every one is guilty, and even the guilty are entitled to food.

In addition, the majority probably need a square meal before they are arrested.

I hope you will give this matter your immediate attention.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. R. HOPKIN MORRIS, M.P.,
1, Brick Court, Temple, London, E.C.

DEAR SIR.—Your Bill to prevent credit betting through the tote, on the ground that the Racecourse Betting Act of 1928 is being flouted, is right enough on the face of things.

But you must remember that all legal betting, except that taking place on the course itself, is of the credit variety.

The man in the street who cannot go to the races is still entitled to his "bob each way" and on the tote, too, if he so wishes.

Why not a little human understanding and a little less straw-splitting?

JOHN BULL.

Mrs. WIMBUSH,
Triscombe House, Bagborough Somerset

DEAR MADAM.—You are too old to hunt, and you have not ridden a horse since you were a girl.

Yet you have accepted the mastership of the Quantock staghounds because "if the hounds are not kept up, the deer will be shot by poachers and many people will be thrown out of work."

You have also undertaken the position because "it will ensure the deer being treated without cruelty."

The only way to avoid cruelty is to hunt with horses, not boats! I feel that a stag would prefer a poacher's gun to the rope, knife and boat of the huntsman.

If you must hunt deer, give them a sporting chance. JOHN BULL.

Mr. E. DENCE,
L.C.C. Housing Committee

DEAR CHAIRMAN,—It is a pity that the fine record of your committee and your proposal to build 30,000 more houses and dwellings should have such a serious blot as your failure to deal with the huts at Eltham.

Families are still being reared there in huts hastily put up during the war.

Those huts were designed for five years' service. They have been in constant use for fifteen years, and in many cases the rents have been unfairly increased.

This stain on the great record of your committee should be wiped out, and I hope to see a rehousing scheme drafted at once. JOHN BULL.

Rt. Hon. J. R. MACDONALD,
10, Downing Street, London, S.W.

DEAR PREMIER,—A fellow-countryman of yours, commanding a Moray Firth trawler, asks permission to arm his vessel against Dutch drifters damaging British nets.

I know that a direct message has been sent to you on this matter.

It is intolerable that the men of our fishing-fleets should suffer thus. Their nets are damaged deliberately, and lamps marking their positions have been stolen.

If the Government accepts this position without protest and action there can be no improvement in the already hard lot of the fishermen of the Moray Firth.

Despite Acts and international law, the men are at least entitled to a hearing.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. F. LONGDEN, M.P.,
103, Erdington Hall Road, Birmingham

DEAR MR. LONGDEN,—You will soon be moving the second reading of your Bill to make the employment of disabled ex-Servicemen compulsory.

The measure has my heartfelt sympathy, but I fear that it is fraught with difficulty.

Nevertheless, if it serves to focus attention on the desperate plight of many of those who were crippled in the service of their country, it will not have been drafted in vain.

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. A. V. ALEXANDER,
First Lord of the Admiralty

DEAR MR. ALEXANDER,—Leading Seaman William John Carter, late of H.M.S. *Lucia*, has been dismissed the Service. The legality of this is unquestioned, but the circumstances want elucidating.

Carter was a witness at a Service enquiry which preceded the recent lamentable courts-martial.

There is no doubt he established that he had obeyed all orders and took no part in the incidents for which punishment was meted to others.

But apparently there *was* a suspicion of which he succeeded in clearing himself.

Previous trouble in the *Lucia* was recalled.

Yet within a few months of qualifying for a hard-earned pension he receives his papers marked "Services no longer required. Character V.G."

Pension, reinstatement or adequate explanation is essential to justice.

JOHN BULL.

Starved in the Cells

More Light on the "Lucia"

Mr. A. NOYES,
Secretary, London Master Bakers' Assn.

DEAR SIR,—The London housewife is paying no less than 4s. 2d. for a rise in the price of flour which is costing the baker about 6d.

Just lately, a halfpenny was again added to the humble loaf, which now costs the poor people of London 7d.

What is the justification? Sixpence has certainly gone on to the price of the sack, which stood at 23s. a month ago; but that does not justify a halfpenny increase on the loaf, when we consider that one hundred loaves can be made from one sack.

Master bakers could afford to be kind. As it is, they are not even just.

JOHN BULL.

STRAIGHT *from the Shoulder*

MR. F. HYDE: "Woman are generally ready to retire at fifty. They become difficult to manage as they get older."

Unless you let them do the managing.

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VISCOUNT CHURCHILL: "There is no indication of a trade revival."

There will never be while people talk like that.

Not from the B.B.C.—Sir Oswald Mosley shows you—

OSWALD MOSLEY—

the Man!

WHEN I was born into this world I was
born a little Tory;
A Primrose darling, prinked and curled,
I might have won to glory:
For I am quite a clever person,
And son-in-law of the Marquis Curzon.

But glory seemed so far away,
That, being in a hurry,
I left the Tories one fine day
(They didn't seem to worry),
And offered my allegiance hearty
To Ramsay and the Labour Party.

Though glory in due season came,
It was in doses meagre;
So public life seemed rather tame
To one who was so eager
To give his grandmamma instruction
Regarding eggs and modes of suction.

Alas! I fear I'll never find
A Party to my liking,
That will assess a first-class mind
And talents more than striking
At their true worth, and will not check me,
But will with glittering prizes deck me!

I cannot help thinking that my talents entitle me to a larger share in the government of the country than I have hitherto been given. Perhaps some people would find me more acceptable if I was slightly less clever—but candour compels me to admit that I am not.

After all, I am a product of a public school, and although this did not count for much with the Tory Party, which can obtain ex-public schoolboys for two a penny, I did think it would invest me with a certain distinction among the Socialists.

Quite apart from my superior birth and education, it would be false modesty for me to attempt to conceal the fact that I have more brains than most M.P.s. Hostile critics, of course, seek to belittle me, and pretend that my only notable gift is a gift of the gab; but nothing that envy can invent will overcome my superiority complex.

The trouble with the present Party system is that not one of the Parties is big enough to hold me. Whenever I try to march with a regiment of politicians I invariably find that all the others are out of step.

In any case, Party loyalty cramps my style as a writer of manifestoes.

I am a great believer in government by manifesto. So long as a drop of ink remains in my fountain-pen I will continue to write the good fight, despite protests against the habit of bombarding the public with political confetti.

And please understand that in expressing my disapproval of existing Parties and Party leaders, I am quite disinterested.

Sooner or later this country, I feel convinced, will adopt some form of dictatorship, and if this comes about I can only hope that the right man will be found for the job.

Oh! would we could a leader find
Superior to the common kind;
Willing to lead; tho' young, most wise;
Attached by no old Party ties!
Look out for such a genius and
Don't fail to place him in command!

Mussolinis are not found
On ev'ry bush. But break new ground—
Since statesmanship sits in a trance—
Let inexperience have a chance!
Excuse me, though, if I omit to name
Your only hope—my modesty's to blame!

A GAG BEFORE THE Gallows

by A. G. GARDINER

Mr. Tindal Atkinson, the Public Prosecutor, who should take note of the questions here raised

THE decision of the Court of Appeal in the Rouse case has raised questions of great urgency and public concern. Those questions affect not only the rights of prisoners, but the administration of justice and the liberties of the Press.

It is not suggested that the decision was wrong, or even open to challenge. In the circumstances it was not only expected; it was inevitable.

The duty of the court was not to retry the case, and, if it was so disposed, to reverse the verdict of the jury.

The duty of the court was to consider whether the law had been duly administered, whether the jury had been fairly advised from the Bench, and whether the case was one that ought to have been submitted to its judgment or withdrawn altogether from its jurisdiction.

On these points there was held to be no doubt. The court declared that there was no ground for appeal on these considerations, and that being so, the verdict of the jury stands.

But though that ends the matter so far as the courts are concerned, it does not end it for the public.

Vital to be fair

There is a widespread disquiet, not confined to those who question the guilt of the prisoner, in regard to an incident which is held to have prejudiced his trial.

There is no doctrine of British law more fundamental than that a man's previous character shall not be disclosed to the court that is trying him until he has been found guilty.

The object of this is to secure him a fair trial in an entirely unprejudiced atmosphere.

But in Rouse's case this principle was gravely violated. Evidence was admitted at the preliminary hearing which threw an unpleasant light on his character.

Lengthy references to his association with certain women were made in the preliminary statement, and witnesses were actually called before the magistrates.

It is true that when the case came before judge and jury the prosecution did not tender this evidence.

But the mischief had been done. The magisterial hearing had been reported in a thousand newspapers, and not a juryman went into the box who was not familiar with the evidence which the judge disallowed.

Secret was out

It is difficult not to believe that this fact vitiated the atmosphere of the trial, suggested a motive which was otherwise absent, and may have insensibly influenced the jurors.

I do not say that this fact would have warranted an interference with the verdict of the jury. I do say that it explains the public disquiet about the verdict, and that it calls for the gravest censure upon those responsible.

The evidence ought not to have been offered by the prosecution, and it ought not to have been allowed by the magistrates.

The incident should not have been possible, and it ought not to be allowed to recur.

Perhaps the most effective way of preventing its recurrence would be a provision that the preliminary hearing of cases of this seriousness should come before a court presided over by a professional lawyer familiar with the rules of evidence.

The alternative course would be to forbid the publication of the reports of the preliminary hearings.

It is not the fact that the evidence has been given that does the mischief. It is the fact of the publication of the evidence and the consequent knowledge by the jury that subsequently tries the case of facts of which they ought to be ignorant.

There are obvious objections to this form of censorship, but there was a remark made by the Lord Chief Justice in announcing the decision of the Court of Appeal which brings the Press very fiercely into the firing-line.

He alluded to the comments which were made in certain newspapers after the verdict of the jury, but while the appeal was pending.

He declared that some of these comments were "improper," that they "bordered" on contempt of court," and that the question of dealing with these abuses must be considered.

No one who is concerned for the good name of the Press or for the interests of justice will object to the searchlight of the Law Courts falling upon Fleet Street in this matter.

Certainly, as an old Fleet Street hand, I shall not object. I have as acute a dislike of trial by newspaper as I have of government by newspaper.

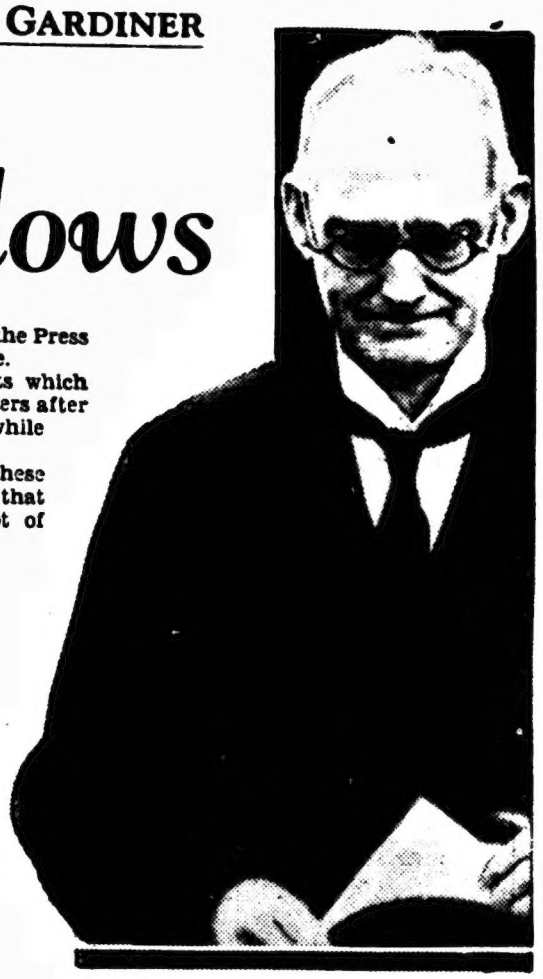
Many popular newspapers are no longer content to inform the public; they seek to dictate to the public, and to substitute Press rule for Parliamentary rule.

And, in the same way, they are not content to leave a crime to the processes of the police; they are tempted to convert it into a "stunt," and, in doing so, to create an atmosphere in which the administration of justice is often seriously prejudiced.

Odious example

This is wrong, mischievous and un-English. And any measures taken to check the evil will be welcomed, not only by the public, but by all that is reputable in the Press itself.

For the newspapers which are most concerned to limit the Press to its proper functions are those which suffer most from the sensation-mongering of which trial by newspaper is the most flagrant and odious example.



"Brings the Press fiercely into the firing-line" — Lord Riddell, Chairman of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association

But I am not quite clear that, in denouncing this practice, the Lord Chief Justice has got the right sow by the ear.

His rebuke was directed against the newspapers which had commented on the Rouse case after the verdict of the jury was given, but before the appeal had been heard.

Some of this comment, no doubt, was reprehensible.

But much of it was entirely proper, and dealt with those very disquiets which occupied the public mind and which were the legitimate subject of discussion.

Whether these comments were wise or unwise, it cannot be held that they interfered with the course of justice.

The jury had given its verdict and was dismissed from the scene, and no one can suppose that a bench of judges is likely to be influenced by the comments of newspapers or the letters of correspondents.

If the meaning of the Lord Chief Justice is that there should be no comment at all until the appeal has been heard, it follows that the same silence should be preserved while the exercise of the Royal prerogative of mercy is in doubt.

Until the trap fell

Press opinion is much more likely to influence the Home Secretary in advising that exercise than it is to influence a bench of High Court judges.

In other words, the Press would be muzzled until the man was hanged or reprieved.

This, I venture to say with all respect, would be an unwarranted interference with the liberties of public comment.

Let us by all means check trial by newspaper; but when the jury has given its verdict the right of the public to publicly discuss that verdict should be admitted.

In any case, the position of the newspapers should be cleared up without delay.

Homely Wisdom—by CANON R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

Unconscious Heroism

IN a part of England well known to me there lives a little woman whose record is nothing short of sublime, but into whose mind it never enters to think or say so of herself.

Should her eyes chance to fall on these lines, she may learn for the first time what some of her neighbours with whom she never exchanges a word really think of her.

She may feel like wanting to bite off my head for drawing attention to her and hers at all, but I hope that on reflection she will pardon it as kindly meant and with deep respect.

Before the war she was engaged to a fine fellow who went out to fight his country's battles, and, like so many more, came back maimed out of recognition and helpless to earn his bread.

The most appalling evil that had befallen him in that orgy of horror on the Western Front was that his face had been torn away by some fragments of an exploding shell.

To speak plainly, he is to this day a frightful object to look at, and knows it.

When he came out of hospital he was so depressed about his personal appearance and lack of prospect in life that he wanted to hide away from the world in some obscure corner.

He scarcely felt it necessary to release his fiancée from her engagement, for he never dreamed that she would want to have anything more to do with such a smashed-up relic of a man.

But he reckoned without the tenacious loyalty of her brave feminine soul. She married him without waiting a day, in order to comfort and take care of him.

Sometimes they are seen out together, she clinging fast to his arm; and should any passers-by involuntarily start back, shocked by the spectacle of the husband's poor, mutilated features, she gives them such a glare of indignation that they quickly withdraw their gaze and turn away.

There is no feeling but admiration for her and recognition of the fact that the disabilities of the man she loves were incurred in the service of us all.

She teaches us a great lesson. The whole community is better and sweeter for having such a life lived in it; and it is matter for thankfulness that there are more of them than are readily apparent.

Fidelity to a personal bond is one of the greatest of social assets; perhaps there is none greater; and when it is conjoined to a daily self-giving that never counts the cost and is never thought of as self-sacrifice, it becomes a moral force of incalculable value.

I do not suppose there is one person acquainted with the story of this husband and wife who is not directly or indirectly helped by the knowledge.

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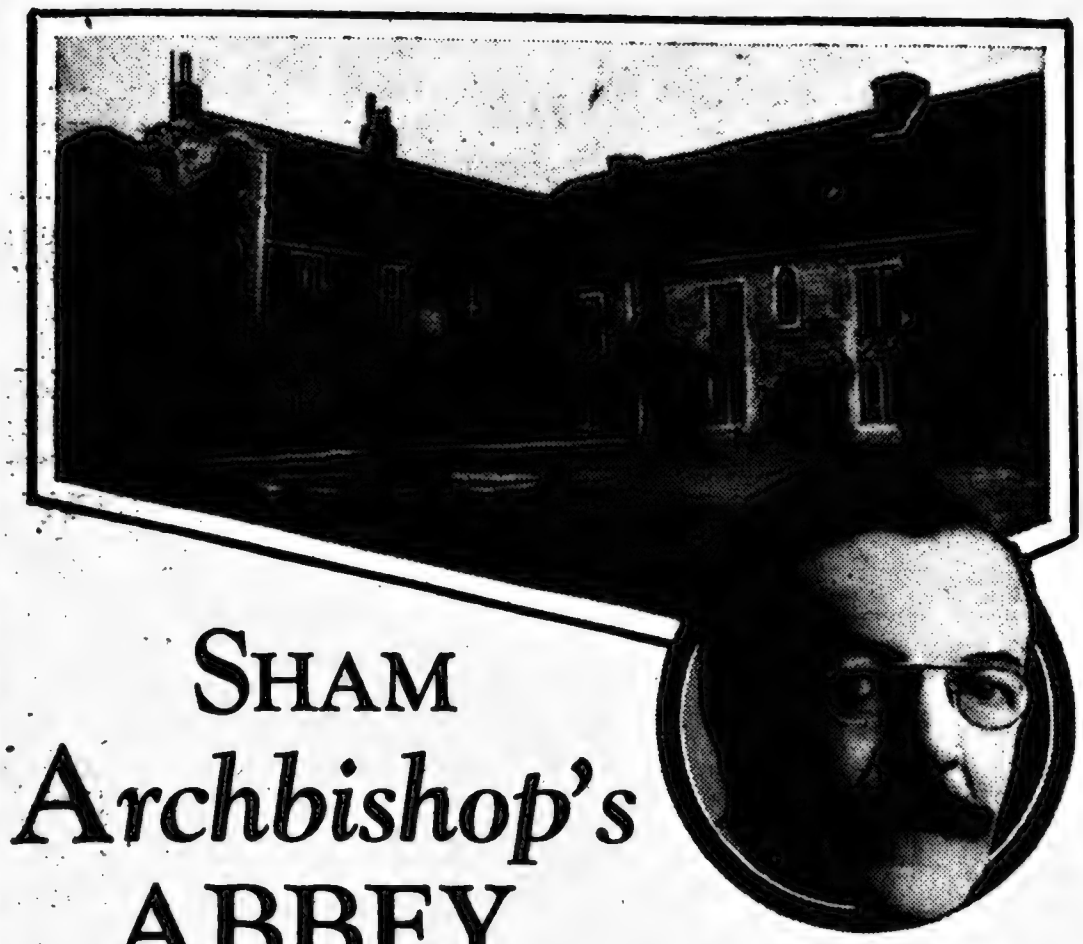

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PARTNER of the bogus Archbishop— J. Aubrey Rees, who also prepared a gorgeous appeal

JOHN BULL often has to caution the public against giving money to sham religious bodies and accepting at face-value the credentials of the self-appointed leaders of these organisations.

A warning has never been more urgently necessary, however, than this one regarding an effort which is being made to raise £15,000 for the supposed purpose of restoring Minster Abbey in the Isle of Thanet, Kent.

It is one of the most fantastic and ludicrous propositions ever put before charitably-minded people. Scandalous deception has been practised in this appeal.

A few words first about the so-called Minster Abbey.

This is not, as might be thought, the name of an ecclesiastical fabric, although the place contains some fine specimens of ancient church architecture.

It is the name of an ancient manor-house in the village of Minster, between Ramsgate and Canterbury, which has been used continuously as a residence ever since it was built.

It is true that the house occupies the site of an eighth-century nunnery, and excavation in the grounds has revealed the plans of a church.

Crypt discovery

There is also a pile of masonry at one end of the house which was possibly a turret, and next to it a stone recess which may have been part of a cloister.

About three years ago the house was bought for his home by Mr. C. H. Senior, a kinema proprietor of Margate.

He was quick to see commercial possibilities in the place. For two years it has been thrown open to the public, and visitors are charged a shilling each for admission.

In two summer seasons nearly 20,000 people, mostly holiday-makers from Margate, Ramsgate and other Thanet resorts, have paid for admission.

Mr. Senior is to be congratulated on his astuteness, which has doubtless brought pleasure to numbers of the public generally and students of archæology in particular.

A vaulted recess, which had been used by the previous occupiers as a kind of cellar, was cleaned out, and revealed what is claimed to be part of a former crypt.

"Archbishop" steps in

Its walls were given a coating of whitewash, and two small panes of coloured glass were inserted in one wall to provide a religious light.

With three slabs of slate an altar was built. It is decorated with a table-cloth, a crucifix and six candles.

Excavations in the lawn in front of Mr. Senior's house have revealed the position of the apse of an old church.

It will be obvious that Mr. Senior has a thorough business mind, and naturally he is prepared to sell Minster Abbey to a suitable purchaser.

We are satisfied, however, that he has no knowledge of the facts we are about to reveal.

A prospective buyer has appeared in the person of Archbishop Churchill Sibley, who is now informing the world about his intention of advancing the cause of Christian unity by restoring the abbey to religious uses.

His printed appeal for funds is issued from Minster Abbey, and subscribers are instructed to send the money to "The Most Rev. Dr. Churchill Sibley, Minster Abbey."

As Archbishop Sibley does not live at Minster, but in Fulham, London, it is to be presumed that he calls there to collect any letters and money addressed to him.

The appeal, which is signed by Archbishop Sibley with his rank and the sign-manual of a cross, is an extraordinary document.

We know him well

He states that the abbey has been acquired, but omits to mention by whom.

The information is also given that arrangements have been made for the immediate dedication of the abbey by the Order of Antioch to the service of all the Faithful in Apostolic Christendom.

And, after a lapse of centuries, it is further stated, the Holy Eucharist is again celebrated in the crypt beneath the ruined tower.

All this is worse than nonsense.

Anyone unacquainted with the real facts would be easily induced to part with money, particularly as the appeal comes from an archbishop and appears to emanate from an abbey.

Archbishop Sibley, however, is not alone in this quest for money. He has joined forces with a Mr. J. Aubrey Rees, who uses an address in Westminster, London.

Aubrey Rees has had another gorgeous appeal printed, in which it is stated that it is proposed that Minster Abbey shall become a National Centre of Christian Fellowship controlled by the Order of Antioch.

There is no such organisation as the Order of Antioch recognised in British Church circles.

Aubrey Rees has even omitted to pay the bill for printing the appeal, and his address in Westminster is an accommodation one where he calls for letters.

Tragi-comic opera

It is only two months ago that JOHN BULL had to make disquieting revelations regarding Rees.

The charges were in connection with the British Empire Film Institute, which he founded, and for which, with the use of honoured names, money was collected steadily for four years. In the end there was little to show for it.

The claims of the Most Rev. Dr. Churchill Sibley to be priest and prelate are worthless.

For years Sibley has worked in conjunction with an Englishman in Chicago who styles himself His Grace the Most Reverend Metropolitan-Archbishop Lloyd.

Their particular line of business has been the sale of bogus degrees, and for this purpose Sibley has honoured his house in Fulham with the name Intercollegiate University.

He peddles these fictitious academic distinctions and decorations to anyone for any purpose, and makes further profit by supplying his "graduates" with gowns of many colours.

It is unfortunate that this fake archbishop appears to have already deceived a number of people in connection with his comic-opera appeal.

He admits that anonymous and other donors have already generously contributed substantial amounts.

Meet the Most Rev. Dr. Bunkum

Thirty Money-Spinning Secrets

—if you're an Optimist!

MR. H. PARTINGTON, of 12, Kennedy Street, Albert Square, Manchester, is a self-styled "mail-order specialist" who believes in doing things in a grand manner.

Unlike the usual members of his fraternity, he is no half-crown or five-shilling fee-snatcher.

His charge for imparting secrets of wealth is £3 3s., though he will make a concession by accepting £1 1s. down and the balance when his schemes have been tested.

The literature he issues is well printed, and conveys the impression that Mr. Partington is a "big noise" amongst mail-order mongers.

Indeed, he claims to have started at least two rival concerns on their way, and points out that they are now charging £5 5s. whereas he charges £3 3s.

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Although the circulars he sends out to prospective pupils consist of several closely-printed pages, the reader is really no wiser at the end as to the exact nature of Mr. Partington's scheme.

The statements are all remarkably vague, but full of suggestion.

For instance, he contends that his plan will show pupils how to become their own masters; that it will not interfere with anything else they have in hand; that his experience extends over many years and cost thousands of pounds to acquire.

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"I realise," he observes, with a candour that is unintentionally amusing, "that it is difficult to make you believe that this is *not bluff*."

It is! Especially when we pass on to learn that "Every proposition given in my course will, properly handled, show a net profit of at least £300 a year."

For, it should be borne in mind, he undertakes to refund the fees to anyone who is not absolutely satisfied with his proposition.

Now, a syllabus of Mr. Partington's course shows that it includes complete instruction in thirty propositions, so that, if they were all "properly worked," they would yield a yearly income of £9,000.

Who could be expected to work them properly if not the great Mr. Partington himself? And why is he not doing so?

He vaguely "explains" that he works *some* of them; that he is always starting new schemes and offering them to his clients as soon as he has personally proved them successful.

Why such generosity? Remember, he has thirty ideas capable of bringing in a sure £9,000.

A simple calculation shows that to touch an income like that in his present endeavours he must enrol and successfully train 3,000 pupils yearly.

Think of the labour. Think of the trouble and responsibility and worry. And think of the folly of setting up 3,000 potential competitors every year.

Mr. Partington is a fool not to stick to his thirty secrets of wealth himself.

NEW HAIR FOR ALL

Generous Free Gift to "John Bull" Readers.

SEND NO MONEY

By a special arrangement Readers of "John Bull" are to receive a Trial Supply of Frederick Godfrey's Hair Tonic FREE.

Post Form Below which Entitles every Reader to Free Supply of the marvellous Hair Tonic, which has demonstrated to the Scientific World that a Perfect Head of Hair can be secured and retained at any age—Free from Scurf—and Falling—Loss of Colour, or any other Defects which are at present so prevalent disfiguring to both Men and Women.

MR. FREDERICK GODFREY,
the well-known British Hair Specialist, whose discovery in relation to Hair Growth is one of the most important scientific achievements of recent times

THE year 1931 is proving a red letter for all who have trouble with their hair, or rather, we should say, with the lack of hair growth. Those who are quite bald, as well as the even larger number of men or women who are afflicted with imperfect hirsute adornment and protection owing to Falling Hair—Scurf—Greasy Scalp—Patchy Baldness—Discoloured Hair—Grey or White Hair—Lustreless or Brittle Hair, should write for the Free Supply of Hair Tonic offered to-day because, without claiming to grow new hair in impossible cases, Mr. F. Godfrey has many records of success in advanced instances in which the hair-roots proved to be still alive and responded to his method.

HAIR GROWN AFTER LOSS FOR YEARS.

Fortunately the discovery of the new and successful method of Hair Growth is not to be confined to the wealthy few, but its advantages are to be spread to all.

Hence the arrangement which has been made for every reader of this Newspaper to have immediately a free supply of the remarkable new Hair Tonic which has proved in so wonderful a way that hair can be grown again even years after all hope had been abandoned.

GRAVE SOCIAL AND BUSINESS HANDICAP.

The social and business handicap of baldness and grey hair is so great that this discovery is bound to rank as one of the most important steps in scientific progress of the age.

Beginning to look old as the result of thinning or greying locks has hindered many a man and woman's chances of advancement; it has even cost numbers their very livelihood, owing to their positions having been given to younger-looking folk.

PERMANENT YOUTHFUL APPEARANCE.

This need no longer happen. A youthful appearance can be maintained always. Those who have already lost their hair or whose remaining locks are grey or even white have now the chance to renew their youth so far as all outward appearance goes. All that any reader of this paper need do is to simply fill in the Form printed below and forward it, to-day, to the well-known British Hair Specialist, Mr. Frederick Godfrey, of Whatstandwell, Matlock, Derbyshire.

He will then send to each, Free of Cost or obligation, a generous trial supply of his remarkable Hair Tonic which under severest tests has proved its success.

Our advice to all is: Write off at once and test for yourselves what this new discovery will do towards enhancing your personal appearance. We have every confidence as the result of hundreds of tests that no one will be disappointed.

There have been so many attempts to solve this problem that some people have given up hope of ever renewing their lost hair or regaining the natural colour in hair that has perhaps for years past been grey or even white. All these previously disappointed ones should take heart again, and at once secure this gift of Hair Tonic, as well as Mr. Frederick Godfrey's advice. Under to-day's offer both are Free, and if afterwards it is desired to follow Mr. Godfrey's advice then the cost is quite small and the time and trouble required are inconsiderable—so none need hesitate. Our advice is: Write off to-day whilst the offer is open.

These Reports Will Show What this Discovery will do for You

YOUR HAIR CAN MAKE YOU LOOK YEARS YOUNGER

"I was bald all over my head. I consulted Mr. Frederick Godfrey, Hair Specialist, of Whatstandwell, Matlock, and by virtue of his advice and Treatment my hair has been fully restored. All baldness has now disappeared. Within one week of Mr. Godfrey's treatment being used I could see signs of new hair appearing."—E. G.

(Extract from sworn testimony.)

"Before I commenced using your treatment I was practically bald, and you will see it has given me wonderful results. New hair is appearing all over the scalp."—Mr. J. S.

"My hair is growing lovely, it is black and curly on top, but it is a little grey at the side, but I am quite satisfied, as I was quite bald six weeks ago. The doctors were surprised to see how it had grown."—Mrs. F. W.

THE EXPERIENCE OF THESE DELIGHTED MEN AND WOMEN MAY BE YOURS, TOO, BY SENDING THE FORM BELOW.

"I am very satisfied with your Treatment, and I shall always recommend your Treatment whenever I can. My hair is twice as thick and I am not ashamed to take my hat off in company now as I was three months ago. I shall always remain grateful to you."—Mrs. L. W.

"You can see for yourself the wonderful progress your treatment has made. I must bless the day I wrote to you, for slowly but surely I have grown a beautiful head of hair which is admired by everybody."—Miss E. N. S.

"I am glad to say I have got a full head of hair now, thanks to your Treatment. I have tried other treatments, which have failed where yours has succeeded. I told my friends who knew I was bald, and they say my hair has grown wonderfully well."—Mr S. I.

FOR NEW HAIR GROWTH POST THIS FORM

Entitling to FREE TRIAL SUPPLY of Frederick Godfrey's Tonic Hair Dressing.

SEND NO MONEY. SIMPLY ENCLOSE 3d. IN STAMPS TO COVER POSTAGE AND PACKING.

NAME .....

(PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS IN BLOCK CAPITALS.)

ADDRESS .....

MY HAIR COMPLAINT IS .....

I enclose 1½d. stamps (value 3d.) towards the cost of postage and packing. "John Bull," 7.3.31

Post this Form direct to F. GODFREY (J.B. Special Offer Dept.), Whatstandwell, Matlock, DERBYSHIRE.

Weekly Informations from Maj.-Gen. SIR WYNDHAM CHILDS

Great FRIENDLY SOCIETY Tragedy

I RECEIVE many pathetic letters in my capacity as Chief of JOHN BULL'S Investigation Department, but none more moving than those from aged couples who, through ill-advised investment, have been brought to poverty in the evening of their days.

Cases are unhappily frequent where life-savings have been sunk in projects which, though rich in promise, have yielded no return.

Enquiries made as a result of a letter which reached me a few days ago have provided a remarkable, but harrowing story.

The writer is a seventy-year-old Pembrokeshire man, and the poor fellow opens his communication by expressing this fear: "I am writing too late to save my hard-earned money."

He begs me, though, to pass on a warning to others.

8 per cent.!

About two years ago he saw an advertisement in his "little family journal" announcing that the United Citizens Investment Trust, of Lombard Street, London, would afford investors a return of 6 per cent. and 8 per cent.

"I may say," he writes, "that the very modest way in which they advertised took my fancy, and, not being too well off, thought 6 and 8 per cent. better than savings certificates.

"The board of directors appeared to me to be of high repute, whose integrity could be guaranteed, and—I was tempted to make a plunge for some shares."

My reader was further impressed by the emphatic literature of the trust, extolling its scheme of accepting subscriptions from £2 to £200 from members, to be pooled for re-investment in high-class securities.

The trust also boasted that it was one of the United group of social service organisations, which includes the United Women's Homes Association (assets £350,000) and the United Women's Insurance Society (assets £1,000,000).

Actually, though located at that time in the same offices as the £1,000,000 insurance company, the trust had no direct connection with it.

I find there has been much confusion in the past over the fact that concerns floated independently have been christened with names that suggest some sort of alliance.

So much so, that a year or two ago a pamphlet was issued by the society's committee, with the approval of the treasurer, Sir George Murray, which definitely disclaimed all connection with the United Citizens Trust and other companies.

My Pembrokeshire reader's first experiences with the United Citizens Investment Trust were reassuring, however.

Savings staked

For a year he received a dividend-warrant at the agreed rate of interest every quarter-day, but on the trust's advice he reinvested these earnings, feeling that he was making wise provision for his old age.

The fact that the warrants arrived regularly cemented his confidence.

So he went on putting further money into its coffers and into certain associated companies which have since brought anxiety to many.

Now, I should mention that the leading light of the United Citizens Investment Trust is a Mr. Alban Gordon, B.Sc., a barrister-at-law, who won the Lee Prize of Gray's Inn in 1926, but who apparently prefers to frame a career in company-promoting circles rather than at the Bar.

It so happened that, in addition to being a director of the United Citizens Investment Trust, Mr. Gordon was closely associated with other ventures which promised to provide tempting profits for their investors.

Three of these which I may mention in passing are the Photo-Matik Portraits, Ltd.; the Co-operative Share Exchange, Ltd., and the City and Provincial Trust, Ltd.

Encouraged by his apparent successes with the United Citizens Investment Trust, my Pembrokeshire reader invested in all these concerns.

All held out rosy promises. The Photo-Matik venture, for instance, was going to produce a yearly profit of £136,000 on an authorised capital of £120,000.

Stormy scene

Actually, it incurred a loss of £15,068 during its first year, and has gone from bad to worse ever since.

Mr. Alban Gordon figured in a remarkable scene at its first annual meeting.

The directors, apparently, were anxious that the report and accounts should be taken as read.

Sir George Murray "definitely disclaimed all connection." Lady Hall was a director of the Trust

But many of the angry shareholders present opposed this, and they were passed only after repeated interruptions.

Very severe criticism was levelled at Mr. Gordon at this meeting because he had, in his capacity as director of the Photo-Matik company, exchanged a block of certain shares for stock issued by the City and Provincial Trust, of which he was chairman, and in which my unfortunate reader had also invested.

Mr. Gordon was not re-elected as a director of the Photo-Matik concern, which is now in liquidation.

The City and Provincial Trust and the Co-operative Share Exchange are likewise in liquidation, and my reader would never have invested in any of these disastrous ventures had it not been for the faith he had in the United Citizens Investment Trust.

The saddest blow of all came last spring when he and hundreds of other disappointed members received tidings that the United Citizens Investment Trust—in which over £100,000 was invested—had also come to grief.

Pitiful scenes occurred at the meeting which followed the news of this final catastrophe. Other meetings had been stormy in character; but pathos and despair reigned here.

Aged men and women discussed the crash tearfully among themselves, while one grey-haired woman told the trust's directors that she had invested her savings for her son in Australia whom she had not seen for seven years.

"When I came to you with my little bit of money," she sobbed, "I did not know you were in trouble. . . . I think it is cruel."

A man of seventy, who had toiled hard all his life, stood up, with many others, and feebly told the meeting that he had invested because he thought the trust would definitely provide security in his old age.

Reader's plight

Thus my reader's plight is shared by countless others.

But what is happening in regard to these liquidations?

Months are passing, yet my reader complains that he can get no news at all.

But it takes a long time to wind up a trust of this sort, and I can only advise shareholders to be as patient as possible in the circumstances.

The liquidator, I understand, is proceeding with his duties as speedily as possible, but I gather that it will be some little time yet before his final report is available.

I am afraid that many of the trusts formed on the same principle as the United Citizens Investment Trust are ill-conceived.

It ought to be generally realised that promoters must take highly speculative risks to offer dividends of 6 and 8 per cent.

Wait and see

Trusts of this sort are registered under Acts of Parliament which were not framed to countenance such speculation, and dealing in their shares is not permitted upon the Stock Exchange.

They can, in fact, only be sold by private negotiation.

Many actions of Mr. Gordon and his colleagues are open to criticism.

Whether anything substantial will ever be recovered from the *débris* remains to be seen.

TOBACCO TWIST

A TOBACCONIST in business at Great Yarmouth was visited the other day by a smartly dressed young man who presented a card bearing the famous name of John Player and Son, Castle Tobacco Factory, Nottingham.

The caller's name was also given on the card as "James A. James, General Inspector,' and in brisk, businesslike tones he explained that he was making a special publicity tour with the intention of lending all possible support to the retailers.

James lent colour to his story by producing a sample packet of playing-cards with the well-known Players' trade-mark printed on the back.

A supply of these cards, he declared, would be sent shortly, together with a quantity of embossed ashtrays that the tobacconist might possibly find useful for advertising purposes and distribution among his better customers.

Finally, James suggested that the retailer might be interested in a special advertising concession. On a purely nominal payment of 10s. he could be furnished with 1,000 match booklets, printed with his own name and address.

The shopkeeper agreed, and placed an order on these terms, paying the necessary cash on the spot.

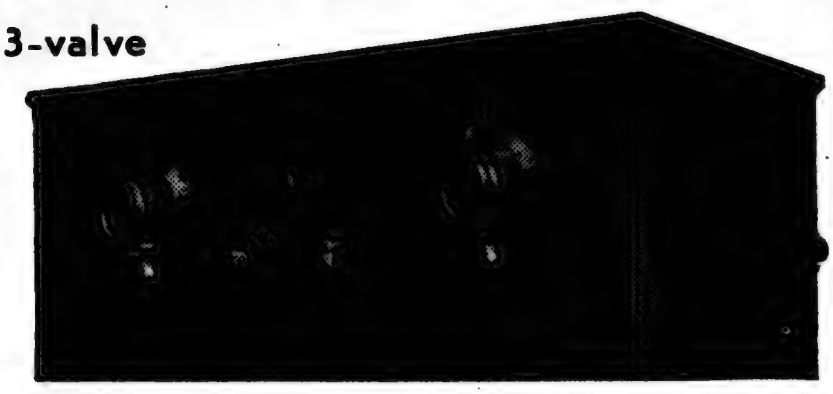
In parting the "inspector" assured the shopkeeper that delivery of the matches would be made as soon as the printing had been done, while the cards and ashtrays would arrive in a day or two

Actually, the tobacconist has received nothing except a nasty shock on applying to Messrs. Players, who have no knowledge of James A. James beyond the fact that he is a clever impostor, whose recent operations have brought many complaints.

His real name, we find, is Arthur Oliver Whitley, and as he is constantly cropping up in some fresh quarter we advise all tobacconists to be on their guard.

Now!... listen to all the best European stations

on this powerful 3-valve Screened Grid Receiver—the most outstanding success of the 1930/31 Radio season



yet it costs only £6.17.6

In all parts of the country this remarkable Receiver has brought the full joys of Radio to tens of thousands of homes. Never before has such an efficient, long range, Wireless Set been obtainable for such a modest price. It has "knife-edge" selectivity. It will cut out your local station like magic and bring in all the best European stations. Yet it is so simple that you can assemble it yourself and save money. No wireless knowledge is necessary — no drilling, no sawing, no soldering — *anyone* can build it.

Harrogate user gets FIFTY-FOUR programmes on the Loud Speaker —read his letter:

"I have already succeeded in getting no fewer than *fifty-four* stations on the Loud Speaker, the great majority of which were very strong....." *J. E. Harper.*

Cardiff owner writes:

"A few words of appreciation from a perfectly satisfied user—I have logged a total of 29 stations—all at loud speaker strength." *W. E. Williams.*

Dunstable enthusiast says:

"I am the proud possessor of a Cossor Empire Melody Maker and a better Set I have yet to hear. On Sunday last I picked up no less than 20 foreign stations." *W. Angell.*

Manchester listener reports:

"I feel I must write and thank you for the opportunity you have given me to secure such a wonderful 3-valve Set at such a moderate cost. I have secured well over 30 stations at good Loud Speaker strength" *W. H. Hookway.*

Use this Coupon NOW!

To A. C. Cossor, Ltd., Melody Dept., Highbury Grove, N.5.
Please send me free of charge Constructional Chart which shows me how to assemble the Cossor Empire Melody Maker.
Name .....
Address .....
J.B. 7/3/31

S. Devon user writes:

"..... the construction of the set is child's play and the results are amazing — eighteen stations on the Loud Speaker."
G. Cann.

The originals of the above may be inspected at our Head Office.

Amazingly simple—a child can use it.

In a few minutes anyone, even if they have never used a Wireless Set before, can learn to operate the simple controls of the Cossor Empire Melody Maker. Think of it! In five minutes you can get results equal to an expert!

For only 20/- down you can enjoy the Radio on this remarkable Set.

If it is more convenient you can enjoy the Wireless with this wonderful Set for a first payment of only 20/-. Ask at any Wireless shop for details of our simple hire purchase plan.

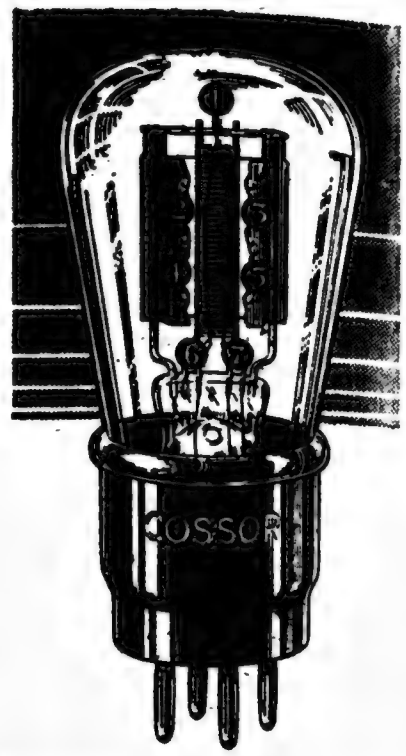
Large Constructional Chart FREE!

Send at once for one of our large, fully illustrated Constructional Charts which tells you all about the Cossor Empire Melody Maker. See for yourself its simplicity and realise how easy it is to assemble. Send at once, it will cost you nothing.

Cossor Empire Melody Maker

16 page Catalogue of Radio Sets now available.

Be sure to get one of our novel, circular Station Charts, which give identification details of nearly 50 stations with space for entering your own dial readings. Ask your dealer for a copy, price 2d. or send 2d. stamp to us and head your letter "Station Chart J.B."



Microphonic noises *definitely prevented* by Seven point suspension

The cause of microphonic noises in a Receiving Set is generally due to filament vibration in the Detector Valve. This fault is definitely prevented in the new Cossor Detector (210 DET.) by the seven point suspension system of filament support. The four extra hook supports (see above diagram) effectively damp out vibration. The use of this "steep slope" Detector not only eliminates microphonic noises but ensures great volume and exceptional tonal purity.

The New Cossor 210 DET., 2 volts, ·1 amp. Impedance 13,000. Amplification Factor 15. Mutual Conductance 1·15 m.a./v. Normal working Anode Voltage 90-150. *Price* **8/6**

THE NEW COSSOR DETECTOR

A. C. Cossor, Ltd., Highbury Grove, London, N.5.

Missing Major's Diamond Hauls

Dectetive-Inspector Horwell, of Vine Street, in whose area Major Tune operated

A DISTINGUISHED personage strolled into the showroom of a famous jeweller in the West End of London a week or two ago and asked to be shown some expensive diamond rings.

He was well known to the management as Major Lloyd Edward Tune, director of a firm of publicity experts which had sprung into prominence in recent years by virtue of its clever achievements.

Major Tune explained to the assistant who waited upon him that it was his wife's birthday, and confided that he was anxious to bestow an unusually handsome present upon her to mark the splendid advancement his firm was making.

A man of considerable personal charm, he chatted pleasantly while making a selection.

Finally, in view of his position, he was permitted to take away three valuable rings from which his wife was to make her final choice.

Hearing nothing more, the jeweller ventured to write to Major Tune. Much to his astonishment the letter was ignored, so he communicated with his distinguished client at his business address.

Clothes and the man

At least, he endeavoured to do so. Actually, he received the biggest shock of his life. Major Tune had long since severed his connection with the publicity concern.

The jeweller found it difficult to believe that the man he had known as a director of a prosperous firm, living in luxury on the south coast and motoring up to London daily in a high-powered car, could have been guilty of any irregularity.

But on enquiring further he was appalled to learn that Major Tune was not at all the person he had always been thought to be.

Although he was admittedly a publicity expert of considerable skill, he had turned criminal shortly after becoming a director.

The concern had been brought perilously near to disaster, for, apart from using his position and the firm's name in obtaining goods on credit, he had even stooped to embezzling its money.

Tune embarked upon his "double life" by ordering goods in his own name and neglecting to pay for them.

A reckless plunge

But gradually, as his liabilities thus became overwhelming, he began to divert money from business clients which should have been paid into the account of the publicity firm.

Then, when his own credit began to fail owing to his disregard of all accounts, Major Tune plunged even more recklessly into his secret life of crime.

He ordered goods in the firm's name, and in this way was enabled to live on a scale far beyond his means.

His practices remained undiscovered until some of his earlier creditors, their patience exhausted, forced him into bankruptcy.

His connection with the publicity bureau ended abruptly, but Major Tune had no intention of paying the piper.

When due to appear for his public examination in bankruptcy he could not be found, and a warrant is now out for his arrest.

In Canada?

Yet while police officers and bankruptcy officials have been seeking in vain for the elusive major, he has been calmly approaching various firms and obtaining further credit.

As in the case of the West End jeweller, he has led his victims to believe that he is still associated with his former firm, whose good name is all that is necessary to inspire the fullest confidence.

It is believed by many of his dupes that he has fled to Montreal.

COX AND CAFÉ

THE proprietress of a London café was visited a few weeks ago by a representative of the firm of C. Cox and Company, then of 169, Edgware Road, W.

The caller stated that he was obtaining a number of subscribers for a joint advertising proposition in which each would agree to display an attractive card recommending various cafés and small apartment-houses.

A deposit of £1 changed hands, but an attempt to collect a further £1 12s. a few days later failed, because the café proprietor had, in the meantime, made some disquieting discoveries.

In the first place, there was no evidence that the scheme was materialising, and doubts were raised by the discovery that C. Cox and Company were being turned out of their offices because of a difficulty over the rent.

This queer company, we find, has had at least two previous offices, from one of which it departed with a considerable amount of rent owing.

It is clearly a concern to avoid.

Lt.-Col. A. F. H. S. Simpson, C.M.G., who protested against the proposed wireless purchase

BIG 'PHONE-RADIO Scandal

When the Receiver Listened in

WHAT is going to happen in regard to the extraordinary collapse of a concern known as Recordaphones, Ltd., of Radio Works, Letchworth, and formerly of Astor House, Aldwych, London?

This is a question which many unfortunate people are asking to-day.

Its importance will be appreciated when we say that members of the public have been called upon to foot a bill for £169,174, which the company has contrived to fritter away within the brief space of eighteen months.

The company was launched in the autumn of 1928 with considerable optimism. Its chief object was to manufacture and exploit a patent device for recording telephonic conversations.

According to the prospectus then issued, most attractive prospects were confidently anticipated.

The nominal capital was £200,000, and the public responded to the initial appeal for funds to the extent of £110,000.

Now there are two

There have been six directors at one time or another, but all have resigned with the exception of Mr. Stanley Grove Spiro and Mr. Albert Edwin Bowyer-Lowe.

It is now apparent that the estimated profits as set forth in the prospectus were wholly unjustified.

Trouble was encountered from the first with serious defaulting on the part of sub-underwriters.

Then, the company's efforts to market "Recordaphones" proved to be utterly unsuccessful.

Hundreds of demonstrations were given in the hope of interesting business men in the invention; but business men refused to be interested.

The company sold only twenty-five machines during its existence, and even some of these had subsequently to be removed because they failed to give complete satisfaction.

The chief function of the invention, as we have said, was to record full telephonic conversations, and it is now generally accepted that most professional men are sceptical as to the advantages of such a device.

It had other functions, too, but one of the directors has since admitted that they are not sufficiently attractive or of sufficient utility to induce telephone subscribers to purchase.

In this latter respect, too, there are competitive machines already on the market and obtainable at infinitely lower prices.

So, in these circumstances, it will be seen that the company's hopes as outlined in the original prospectus had really no solid foundation, and were not at all likely to be realised.

A desperate effort was made to retrieve the position by financing a wireless concern called the Bowyer-Lowe Company, Ltd., with a view to increasing this company's turnover in wireless apparatus to such an extent that Recordaphones, Ltd., could participate in the profits.

Unsecured loan

This departure from the original programme would have been singular enough in any case; but will it be believed that Recordaphones, Ltd., lent £12,100 of its investors' money to the Bowyer-Lowe Company without any security whatever?

Tragedy came when the turnover of this wireless company dropped instead of rising; a little later the Bowyer-Lowe concern went into compulsory liquidation.

Recordaphones, Ltd., has now followed it, and the Official Receiver's preliminary report makes damning reading.

"The business of the company," he declares, "has been thoroughly mismanaged. The company had practically no revenue and lived on its capital, and even that was not prudently administered."

Investigations so far have revealed that managerial salaries were out of all proportion to the services rendered, and, in the same way, the overhead expenses were infinitely higher than the volume of business warranted.

One point which the Official Receiver has thought fit to raise is the fact that shareholders were not consulted when it become apparent that the company was unable to carry out the primary objects for which they had subscribed capital.

They are anxious

Perhaps the most scandalous revelation is that, at a time when the Bowyer-Lowe Company was in financial difficulties and veering towards bankruptcy, a circular letter was sent out to Recordaphone shareholders stating that there was every indication that the investment in the wireless venture would prove "most profitable."

In these circumstances, is it surprising that the anxious shareholders are now wondering what the ultimate outcome is going to be?

LAST TWO WEEKS! CLOSING MARCH 21

£10,000 OR £15 A WEEK FOR LIFE MUST BE WON for 6D

GREAT RADIO COMPETITION TO HELP THE HOSPITALS

Organised by the British Charities Association. Chairman: The LORD LUKE OF PAVENHAM.

OPEN TO ALL READERS OF JOHN BULL

HURRY! Hurry! Hurry! If you wish to enter this most fascinating of all contests and win a five figure fortune, there is not a moment to lose. The opportunity of winning a **£10,000 cash prize or £15 a week for life, for Sixpence,** is within your grasp—in a few more days it will be gone for ever.

March 21st is the definite closing date of this wonderful Ballot—**you cannot afford to delay a moment. ENTER NOW!**

This is the biggest prize that has ever been offered in a Contest where the entry fee is only Sixpence.

HOW TO WIN

(1) Read the Rules carefully.

(2) Vote for your own favourite feature **(only one)** by placing a cross (X) in the column on the left-hand side of the Entry Form.

(3) Number these features from 1 to 14 in what you consider will be their order of popularity as a result of the general voting, using the space provided on the right of the Form.

(4) You can use the Entry Form below for one or more entries, but you must send entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each attempt.

(5) Fill in your name and address in the space provided on the Entry Form, enclose your remittance and send to the address given.

The whole of the prize-money is guaranteed by the "Daily Herald," and the whole of the profits will be distributed by The British Charities Association amongst Hospitals throughout the country.

This Contest is **OPEN TO ALL**—any reader of "John Bull" may win the gigantic first prize of £10,000, or £15 a week for life. The record prizes must be won by someone by March 21st.

You have as good an opportunity as anyone else. Send in your Entry NOW—before it is too late!

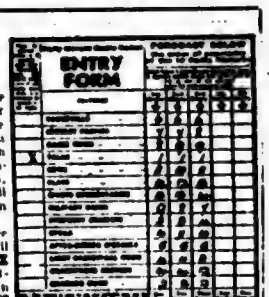
HOW TO DO IT.

We reproduce here for your guidance a specimen Form filled in by an imaginary person, whom we will call Mr. John Tanner.

You will see that first of all he places a X in the left-hand column against HIS OWN favourite item, which is "Talks." (Note—as requested he uses one X only.) Then he forecasts the order of popularity of the Radio features in the columns on the right, using the numbers 1 to 14.

He submits three attempts, for which he sends 1/6. He fills in his name and address CLEARLY, and like a good fellow he is sending in his entry early.

(N.B. Needless to say the selections given above by the imaginary Mr. Tanner are made at random and SHOULD NOT influence you in any way in deciding what you think will be the order of popularity of the 14 Radio features.



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3. **The competitor whose list agrees, or most nearly agrees, with the popular order will be awarded the first prize irrespective of what he himself votes for on the left-hand side; the next nearest will receive the second prize, and so on.**

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Daily Herald Radio Ballot

ENTRY FORM

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Place in colums below a X against your own favourite item. Put one X only, even if you make more than one forecast in columns on right.

Place figure 1 opposite your first choice, figure 2 opposite second choice and so on up to 14. Fill in one of the columns below for each sixpenny entry.

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Two-Legged PIT-PONIES

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

This pair seem to be fairly happy, but what of the men who hew and load the coal?

THINGS unseen are rarely thought about; more so if they happen to be unpleasant things.

I can have every sympathy with the deputation that went to the Minister of Mines a few days ago to protest about the appalling conditions under which British pit-ponies work, and the staggering casualty list that results.

One out of every six pit-ponies was either killed, injured, or had to be destroyed throughout the English coalfields during last year.

In the Yorkshire pits the figures were particularly bad. There, in the last four years, the average rate of casualties among the ponies has been 220 per thousand.

In the North Midland area things are not much better. In the same period one out of every five pit-ponies has been killed or badly injured by runaway tubs or falls of stone.

Taking Great Britain as a whole, the position is still bad. The figures work out at 36 ponies per thousand killed, and 124 badly injured during 1930.

Some 1,238 mines use 50,800 animals, horses and ponies which never see the light of day, live under foul and unnatural conditions, eat unnatural food, and in many cases have not even any bedding provided.

Yet, much as I abhor cruelty to animals, I detest cruelty to human beings even more.

The deputation I should have had to the Minister of Mines would have been one burning with a righteous indignation about the wrongs and inhumanities suffered by human beings in our mines.

Are you surprised to learn that there are 29,000 boys under sixteen years of age working underground in the mines of this country?

ARE you horrified to learn that, while the casualty rate for pit-ponies is 160 per thousand, the casualty rate for these boys is 251 per thousand—50 per cent. higher than the ponies?

In eight and a half years some 10,440 people have been killed in the mines. In the same period 1,567,330 have been injured.

In 1928, the last year for which the figures are available, the coal-owners paid £3,026,678 in compensation to injured miners or dependants of the slain—and this amount was almost exactly 50 per cent. of the total amount paid in workmen's compensation by other industries.

And the worst of it is there is no diminution in this appalling accident rate. On the contrary, it is steadily increasing.

In 1924 the rate was, in round figures, 158 per thousand persons; each year it has gone up, until in 1929 it was 181 per thousand.

In the first ten months of 1930 800 men had already been killed in the mines.

The latest detailed figures available are for 1929. There were 1,076 deaths, representing 1.11 per thousand persons employed, or 4.05 per million tons.

Every million tons of coal raised costs the lives of four men.

And it does no one any great credit to realise that these men were risking their lives for wages that would cause an instant strike if they were offered to municipal dustmen.

The average cash earning of the persons employed in the coal mines of Great Britain during 1929 was £2 5s. 6d. a week.

LAST year, the average cash earning was £2 3s. 9d. For this miners have to risk their lives every time they go down the pit.

But I must not forget that—we have progressed! Only a hundred years ago the work now done by ponies was done by half-naked women and girls.

Well, we no longer employ women and girls underground. We employ boys and ponies instead—though it is true that down in Somerset they still use nearly naked men and boys—human pit-ponies doing inhuman work at an inhuman wage.

So maybe we haven't progressed very far, after all.

Let us have a true sense of proportion. Let us at least realise that the lives of men are as valuable as the lives of animals, that miners have their rights no less than ponies.

The latest complete statistics are for 1929. Listen.

In that year there were 1,009 fatal accidents and 161,790 non-fatal accidents—I am speaking of men and not of horses—and this is an average of two fatal accidents and 443 non-fatal accidents every day.

It works out at eighteen every hour, one every three minutes. It is perhaps a little difficult to appreciate what that means.

"It means," said a Member of Parliament, "a procession thirty-five miles long, four abreast, with the ranks one and a half yards apart. And at every fourteen yards you have an ambulance and at every sixty yards you have a hearse.

"Does that bring it home to you, and make you realise that, harrowing though the condition of the pit-ponies is, the condition of the human beings who win our coal for us from the bowels of the earth is still more harrowing?"

Mr. Shinwell, in the House of Commons not so very long ago, stated bluntly that a great many of these accidents could be prevented, particularly those arising from explosions, if the provisions of the Mines Acts were strictly carried out.

Lord Sankey, who presided over one of the numerous Royal Commissions that have vainly investigated the scandal of the mines, gave it as his opinion that there should be an inspector for every 5,000 men employed if reasonable safety was to be secured for the men.

Expert opinion is entirely agreed that miners' nystagmus—a painful and disabling disease—is almost entirely due to the inefficient lighting of the mines.

Why, then, is not an efficient standard of lighting insisted on? Why, too, is not some form of automatic gas-detector made compulsory?

In a recent South Wales explosion nine men were killed. At the inquest the explosion was stated to be due to "insufficient ventilation, defects in the coal-cutter, and faulty supervision."

Any coalfield in the country could supply parallel cases. We are still waiting for the report of the official enquiry into the terrible disaster at the ill-fated Haig Pit.

If you take all the industries in the country, the number of fatal accidents in the mines is three times, and the number of non-fatal accidents is two and a half times, greater than in any other occupation.

While the condition of pit-ponies calls for attention, should we not first do something to put an end to this outrageous state of affairs regarding human beings?

I challenge anyone to accuse me of lacking humanity in saying this. I claim to be merely bringing the whole question into its true perspective.

NOT that I wish to see pit-ponies abolished — yet. "We don't want to see the ponies out of the pits," said a miner to me the other day.

"Where there are ponies the passages must at least be big enough for a pony to go. And where a pony can go the men can also go without too much discomfort. If it wasn't for the ponies they would say that we could crawl."

There is another thought I should like to commend to your attention. A number of miners get holidays with pay.

But before you start rubbing your eyes with astonishment let me tell you that these are in Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, the Saar, and Czechoslovakia.

In Great Britain human beings must risk their lives for a pittance while deputations go to the Ministry of Mines to plead the cause of the ponies.

The Human Machine

MENTAL DYNAMITE

THE cynic who remarked that speech was given to man to conceal his thoughts said something that was much more smart than true. For a man may very successfully conceal his thoughts, or even his character, until he speaks. Then, to any observant person, he reveals the truth about himself.

Emerson was wiser than the cynic. "A man cannot speak but he judges himself," he said. With his will, or against his will, he draws a portrait to the eye of his companions by every word.

"It is a thread-ball thrown at a mark, but the other end remains in the thrower's hand. Or, rather, it is a harpoon hurled at the whale, unwinding as it flies a coil of cord in the boat, and if the harpoon is not good, or not well thrown, it will go nigh to cut the steersman in twain, or to sink the boat."

We should ponder this, for half the world's troubles are due to thoughtless speech, verbal acidity spewed out with no regard for consequences, words that sear and burn listener and speaker alike.

If we want enmity and misunderstanding we must pay for it with fear and an embittered spirit. We cannot do wrong without suffering wrong. We can always choose. We can just as easily have friendship and close understanding, an easy spirit and a peace of mind. All we have to do is to pay for it with kindly thoughts and careful utterance.

Words can be spears to wound or balm to heal; they can build bridges or create chasms. They can shape the world or shatter it to bits. Even your words can. Did you ever stop to think that speech could be mental dynamite?

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Without Fear or Favour

Handcuffs on the BOBBY

"Preventing serious crime is the smallest part of the policeman's duty."

THERE is an uneasy and increasing feeling in the public mind that all is not well with the Police Force. We do not refer only to the lengthening list of undiscovered murderers; that is the affair of the C.I.D. It is to the efficiency of the uniformed branch to which we wish to draw attention.

It is to the system, rather than to the individual, that we feel criticism may well be directed. The primary function of the policeman should be to preserve law and order and to prevent crime.

To-day, this is the smallest part of the policeman's duty. It would not be too much to say that the greater part of his time is occupied in detecting infringements of the law instead of preventing the commission of crime; and these two things are by no means the same.

Crime is increasing. No one, so far as we know, disputes it. That in itself is enough to warrant criticism of the police system.

Take the Metropolitan area alone. Between January 26, 1930, and January 25, 1931, 246 shops were broken into by means of "smash-and-grab" raids. In only 78 cases were the thieves arrested and convicted.

The judges know

LAST year there were 2,180 cases of housebreaking. In only 157 cases were the offenders caught and proceeded against.

There were 1,765 cases of shopbreaking, and only 579 persons were caught and proceeded against. There were 293 cases of burglary and only 105 prosecutions.

Taking the country as a whole, the number of criminals apprehended and sent to trial at the Assizes and Quarter Sessions has remained at, in round figures, 7,000 for a number of years.

We say "apprehended" advisedly. That there is an increasing number who are not apprehended is not infrequently the subject of comment by judges themselves.

What is wrong? We think it can be expressed in a sentence. What is wrong is the increasing tendency of Parliament to frame legislation containing penal clauses without making the slightest attempt to repeal penal clauses that are antiquated and useless.

Nor is the police establishment increased to a degree that would enable the Force to perform its duties adequately.

Before the war the number of the Metropolitan Police was 22,000. To-day, despite the mass of extra duties thrust on them, the number is 19,731. There is not much need for argument. The figures tell their own story.

While bandits flourish

THE fact is that almost every day fresh tasks are being put on the shoulders of the already overburdened police.

While motor-bandits are making away with their all too easily gotten gains, the policeman must be making quite sure that no publican is selling a drink after hours.

He must be keeping a sharp watch on kinemas, theatres and music-halls to see that due and proper precautions are being observed for the safety of the audiences; he must always be prepared to suppress fortune-telling, to recapture escaped lunatics, to see that no chimneys are on fire and that everyone has a wireless licence.

It is small wonder that as the percentage of crime rises the percentage of detection falls. How could it be otherwise when legislation makes it all but impossible for the policeman to give proper attention to his real job?

Nearly 150,000 new houses have been built in the area of the Metropolitan Police. Yet there is no corresponding increase in the police strength.

While the sadly inefficient number of policemen are majestically pacing their beats all the burglar has to do is to walk into any of these new houses that take his fancy—they are as like as peas, anyway—help himself, and go home to supper at his leisure.

There is a very practical side to it all. The Metropolitan Police Force is paid partly by the ratepayers and partly by a Treasury grant. The same thing applies to provincial forces.

The result is that every new house built and inhabited is promptly subjected to a special police rate—for which expenditure, in thousands of cases, the ratepayer gets no value whatever.

The remedy is obvious. There ought to be a proportionate increase of the police force for every new Act of Parliament introduced that requires the police to enforce it.

The only answer to the question "Why is it not done?" is "Economy"—in other words, a confession that an official attempt is being made to achieve the impossible.

As a matter of fact, despite the financial stress of the moment, the country could well survive the appointment of at least an additional two thousand policemen.

Kind to the crook

IT could survive even better the injection into modern legislation of a little commonsense and the sweeping-away of any number of nonsensical and archaic laws that multiply the duties of the police without adding anything to their value.

When to this extraordinary mass of extraneous duties is added a considerable amount of red-tape, the position becomes even worse.

What can be said in defence of the ridiculous regulation that makes the officer on his beat have to report periodically to his sergeant at fixed points—points and times that are as well known to criminals as they are to the police?

The constable on the beat was helpless. Each time the raid took place he was something like half a mile away reporting to his sergeant.

The burglars knew this. They knew the place and the time. They knew, too, almost to a minute, how long it took the policeman to reach that spot and how long it took him to return.

We should like to know, too, what reasons, if any, can be given for the retention of uniforms after, say, a certain hour of the night.

To our mind, the detection of crime would be rendered a good deal easier if policemen during the criminals' real business hours could be put into plain clothes.

Why persist in advertising to the burglar that a pedestrian is a policeman?

It is perfectly obvious that, as things are now, no constable with the best will in the world could carry out anything like all the duties that he is supposed to do.

It is quite clear, too, that every hour of every day some of them are going to be neglected—and those that are neglected will be the ones that, to the bewildered policeman, seem at the moment to be the least important.

What about it?

FINALLY, it is obvious that sometimes he will be wrong in his judgment, to the detriment of the peaceable citizen and the unholy joy of the criminal.

That is the state of affairs we think should be remedied, and we have indicated at least some of the ways in which it could be remedied.

In his latest report on the Police Force, Sir Leonard Dunning says that "the service suffers, probably more than any other public department, from uninformed criticism."

We agree. We also suggest that we have indulged in criticism that does not fall into this category, and we would like to know what the Home Office is going to do about it.

A BIG PROSP

The wonderful growth of new industry has produced some new types. What is she—business girl or highly skilled factory-worker?

SMOKELESS stacks and silent factories in the North of England have given tongue to the panic-mongers.

"Trade is going South!" they cry. "People are going South."

It is only a half-truth, and, like all half-truths, it is dangerous—depressing.

The silent factories mark the bottom of a great depression. The people who are coming South have been doing it for centuries, but rather more so than usual in the past ten years.

The truth within the half-truth is that the South is enjoying a vast awakening to industrial life.

But the awakening is to new industries, new kinds of work. The great textile and heavy industries have not moved from the North. There is no reason to suppose they ever will.

The new concentration on London and the Southern Counties is, however, the most significant development in British industry since the application of steam gave this country the economic mastery of the world.

Your gramophone

Look at the map of England and, in your mind's eye, draw a line from Portsmouth to the Wash. To the east of this line you have the most prosperous corner of England, with London as its natural centre of gravity.

There is still serious unemployment in this present slump, yet more people than ever before are employed. In a comparative sense it is "Prosperity Corner."

Few homes to-day, for instance, are without a gramophone. It is a fairly safe assumption, if you have such an instrument in your own house, that it was made in, or very near to, Greater London, which, at its present rate of growth, will soon embrace the whole of what we now call the Home Counties.

Wood-workers, metal-stampers, cabinet-makers, sawyers, french polishers—all these London workmen and more helped to make your gramophone, an instrument which your grandfather never even heard of.

Something in a tin

Many have been found well-paid work in a brand new industry.

Similarly in the making of gramophone records the South enjoys an almost complete monopoly.

Every time you buy a fox-trot disc or the latest operatic gem by your favourite tenor you are putting money into the pockets of new business and workmen who carry on.

Whenever you ring up a friend your voice is carried to his ears by means of apparatus manufactured in that teeming bit of England.

The tin of meat or fruit which provides you with a handy supper after the theatre or enables you to entertain an unexpected guest with "emergency rations" was almost certainly packed in Outer London.

Go for a journey by motor-'bus or train and, no matter which means of conveyance you choose, it very often happens workmen employed in "Prosperity Corner" have made your trip possible and Southern upholsterers will have ensured your comfort *en route*.

Or, if you prefer the air route, make your journey by aeroplane, and you will find that the 'plane was manufactured and assembled within an hour's 'bus ride of Piccadilly Circus.

Nearly 75 per cent. of the paint made in this country is made in London.

Countless houses are lighted by London-made incandescent mantles, and on the walls of bathrooms gleam London-made tiles.

There is literally no end to the hosts of articles which pour in an ever-increasing stream from the 50,000 factories of Greater London.

From lighthouse lamps to diving suits, from elevators to perfumes, banknotes and postage-stamps, flags and fountain-pens, railway tickets and automatic milking machines—all these, with a hundred thousand other articles in daily use by the myriad bustling tribes of mankind the world over, have their birth in the factories of Southern England.

Coal by air

Another new phase of industry in the South is the enormous amount of work afforded by the development of the Kent coalfields.

These pits have been known for many years, but it was not until after the war that great schemes were evolved to promote coal-mining on a larger scale.

Vast sums have been spent in the sinking and the lining of new shafts, the construction of new houses, and the installation of modern machinery.

It is only within the last year that one of the largest aerial transport railways in the country was completed.

Massive wires mounted on high, lattice steel supports are carried through fields, roads, railway lines, etc., for a distance of many miles from the pit-head to the 5,000-ton bunkering-plant on Dover Breakwater.

Within the past twelve months, the new ropeway has carried 70,000 tons of coal, which is considered a fine performance. For the first time in history, cargo steamers have been enabled to load coal for export direct from the Kent mines.

Several thousand people are now dependent upon the coal-mines of Kent, and had it not been for the slump in trade, many big schemes which have been formulated would have been well advanced, factories would have been built, and other industries developed, giving employment to additional thousands.

The miscellaneous mushroom factories of the South continue to employ their thousands and still call for more land to extend and more workers for their never idle machines.

In London, Reading and Southampton alone there are 41,256 mechanical factories, 226 textile factories and 36,667 workshops.

In the "Prosperity Corner" of South-Eastern England reside 26 per cent. of the country's insured population. In the last two years workers in the South have increased by 261,000, as compared with 40,000 in the North.

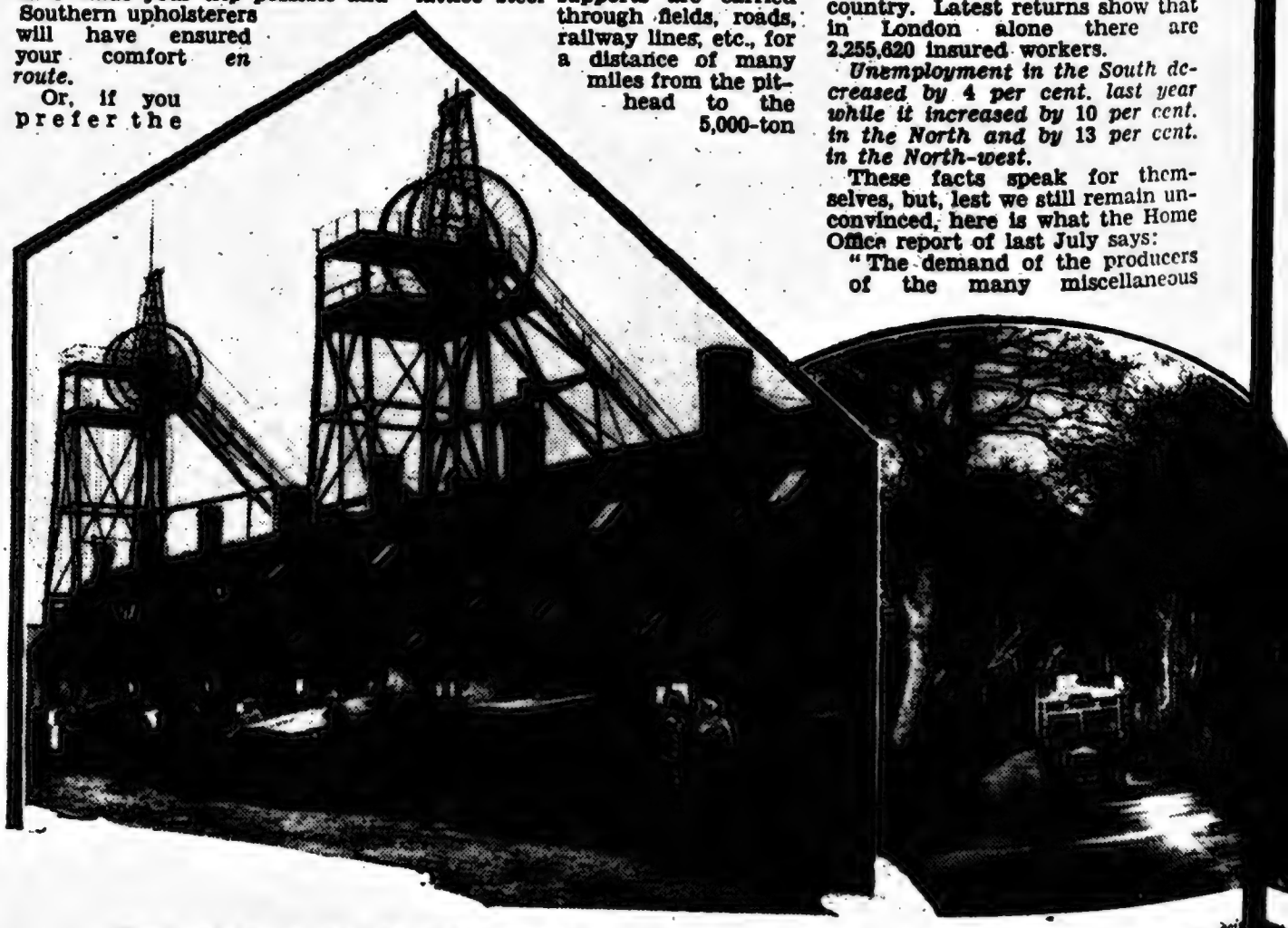
Among the girls

There is less unemployment in London than in any part of the country. Latest returns show that in London alone there are 2,255,620 insured workers.

Unemployment in the South decreased by 4 per cent. last year while it increased by 10 per cent. in the North and by 13 per cent. in the North-west.

These facts speak for themselves, but, lest we still remain unconvinced, here is what the Home Office report of last July says:

"The demand of the producers of the many miscellaneous



These people have to work right on their own doorsteps, among the pits—in the South they are great travellers, sometimes going miles to work by 'bus through leafy lanes

ERITY CORNER

trades carried on in the South-eastern portion of England, particularly round London, was so brisk in some works as to cause a shortage of suitable workers and necessitated a considerable extension to factory buildings."

The birth of the Southern revolution in industry began in the erection of the many factories established during the war which attracted thousands of girl workers from other parts of the country to make munitions and supplies.

Finding their niche

After the Armistice these factories were devoted to the new industries of peace, and there followed a migration southwards of male engineers and craftsmen eager to find their niche and a fresh start in the new life.

From the success of these ventures business-men grasped the immense advantages of London as a distributing centre.

It was seen that comparatively cheap sites could be obtained for spacious, modern factories within thirty miles of the Port and clearing-house of London, *and near the main lines of railways.*

With the key craftsmen of the North came some of the industries which hitherto had flourished in the North alone.

Spinners and weavers found their way to London, for instance, and so the artificial-silk industry grew and blossomed in the South. The electrical trades, too, brought their quota of grist to the mills of the South.

Photo by Air: Aerofilms, Ltd.

Look at the Prosperity Corner of England—"A great advance. . . . Modern factories set in green fields"

Correspondingly with the increase in the ranks of new work in the South, the ranks of the doctors, lawyers, dentists, and so on have swelled to meet their needs. The members of these professions have increased in recent years in the South by 13,000.

Clerks, accountants, draughtsmen, typists, secretaries—all these too have played their part, though the exact numbers of the gigantic army of blackcoated workers in "Prosperity Corner" cannot even be guessed at until the next census.

These "trivial" sidelines, indeed, are a fruitful source of work with an increasing demand for their specialised types of labour.

Did you know that basketmakers are on the increase in London? More and more people are engaged to-day in making wood strawberry-baskets, despite the fact that the wood is now cut by machinery instead of by hand.

The manufacture of beet sugar—for years a Continental monopoly—is still another new industry, and once again the headquarters of the trade are in the South-east.

One queer effect of this influx of new work is that it is making the Southerner the most travelled workman in the world.

Workpeople have become so thick on the ground in "Prosperity Corner" that they can no longer be housed within reasonable distance of their work.

So employers are compelled to carry them by 'bus and motor-coach to the factories, often ten miles or more away.

By their very numbers London's workers provide more and more work for other London workers. They have helped to build up another huge modern industry in the catering trade.

There is now in London an employment exchange dealing exclusively with hotel and restaurant workers, cooks, waitresses, etc.

Just think for a moment of the number of hotels, cafés, tea-rooms and restaurants you pass in the course of a single penny 'bus ride.

Glorious freedom

Stand at any London tube station in the "rush" hour and watch the swarms of business girls hurrying home, trim and efficient-looking, from their daily work in office and workshop.

Then reflect that similar swarms are to be seen in every part of the Metropolis and that hundreds of thousands of those "five-o'clock fairies," as A. P. Herbert has called them, are wresting a livelihood from the industrial wealth of the South.

Small wonder that mother sighs for the opportunities denied her in her own girlhood days.

To-day, it is the natural and unchallenged ambition of a high proportion of provincial youths—and provincial girls in these days of women bachelordom—to "get a job in town."

That ambition might be well served in more prosperous times, but here we give a strong word of warning.

True, the number of people employed in the South is increasing year by year, but not at a pace sufficient to keep level with the local supply, let alone the crying demand for work in other parts of the country.

It is madness to come penniless to London on the "off chance" of a job.

But when prosperity returns—as soon it must—there will be an even greater expansion of business in the South.

The aerial picture above shows how great an advance has been made in the modern factory. Set in green fields, unmarred by belching smoke-stacks, the modern buildings promise a new era in manufacture.

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YOUR NOSE NEEDS 'NOSTROLINE'

More Publishers to Prosecute

THE case which came before the Recorder, Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., at the Old Bailey, a few days ago, in which two men were sentenced to six months' imprisonment for "publishing obscene libels with intent to corrupt public morals," is one that contained many valuable lessons.

The offenders, Arthur Gray and Matthew Mowl, jointly controlled a publishing-house known as Gramol Publications, of Bread Street Hill, London, E.C.

They specialised in issuing a series of over a hundred cheap, paper-backed novels of a salacious type, in which suggestive titles and lurid pictorial wrappers might be termed distinctive features.

The defending counsel observed that equal exception could well be taken to certain other literature for which higher prices were charged.

Into the minds of babes

In other words, he implied that it was scarcely fair to charge the smaller publishers when so many others were issuing indecent books on a greater scale.

We heartily applaud the present conviction, because we have before us a dossier of complaints from parents and others who cite instances where these cheap and nasty books have fallen into the hands of the young.

A few titles will convince our readers of the justness of this objection:

"Her Glorious Shame"; "The Lure of the Flesh"; "Wanton Love"; "Degrading Love"; "The Passionate Virgin"; "Languorous Love" and "The Street of Sullied Souls."

Now, publications which pander to the prurient, or which might be calculated to besmirch innocent minds, fall into three definite classes.

First, we have the cheap, paper-backed variety which does not find its way into genuine bookshops or news-agencies.

The Gramol publications undoubtedly fall within this category.

Next, we have the volumes which masquerade as ordinary 7s. 6d. novels, but in which the plot or story is little more than a convenient skeleton on which to hang sheer nastiness.

In the third category, we have the super-volumes, priced in guineas, luxuriously bound and printed, and euphemistically described as "artistic" or "classic literature."

Actually they are designed to pander to the depraved tastes of wealthy perverts, though there can be no guarantee that they will be kept within their poisonous circle.

The case of the Gramol Publications has afforded a fairly good idea of the kind of business carried on by firms of its kidney.

We shall content ourselves, therefore, with giving only one other instance of this particular class of filth-distribution before passing on to the higher branches of this disgusting traffic.

Thousands escape.

The instance we have in mind was brought to our notice by an outraged parent in Littlehampton, whose ten-year-old son had innocently answered an advertisement offering a screamingly funny ventriloquial instrument.

Accompanying the instrument, when it came, was a sheaf of literature inviting the ten-year-old reader to send to a Birmingham firm for books with highly provocative sexual titles.

Fortunately this package was intercepted by the parent.

For every novel that is banned or confiscated by the Home Office because it is deemed to offend propriety it is safe to say that thousands escape official attention altogether.

They flourish because the Press, generally, cannot very well expose them without affording them a free advertisement.

But, without mentioning names, we can definitely say that a list now before us would furnish the Home Secretary with work enough to keep a section of his department busy for months.

One volume we have in mind is distinguished chiefly for the lewdness of its chapter headings, some of which are so coarse that no newspaper would dream of reproducing them.

Though nominally priced at 7s. 6d., novels of this undesirable class pass from hand to hand at greatly enhanced values.

At the same time, they are obtainable through many London and provincial booksellers.

We'll help

Many of these books are published abroad and then smuggled into this country.

A book published by subscription "for private circulation only" is apparently immune from official intervention.

The catalogues and advance notices of those who specialise in these costly productions make strange reading.

The obscenity is only slyly hinted at, while whole paragraphs are devoted to lingering descriptions of the choice binding, rare paper, exquisite type and the superb craftsmanship.

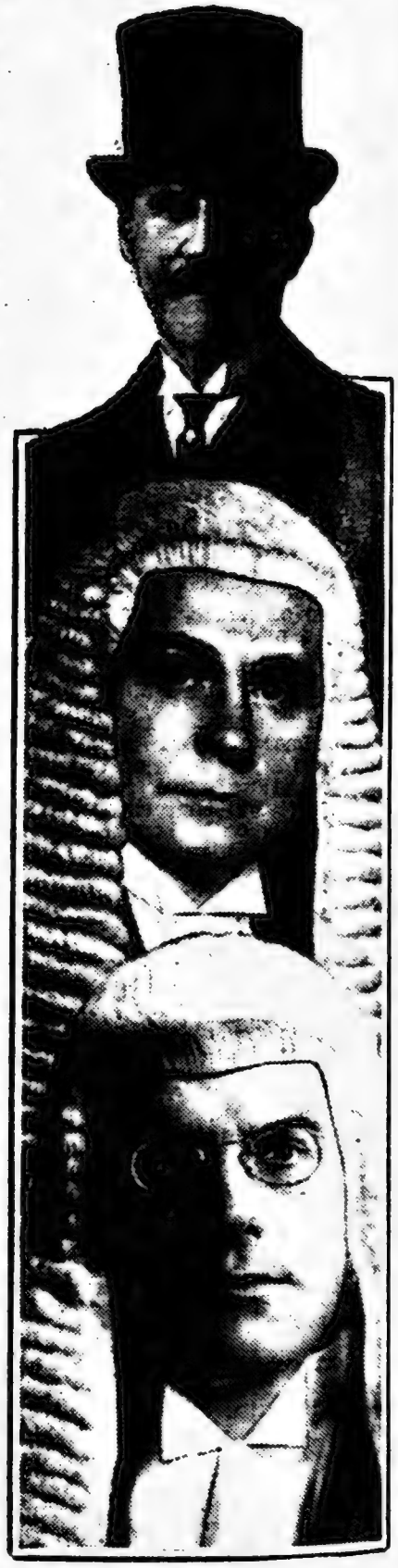
As if mud could be purified by being enfolded in gold foil!

No one would mind the moneyed fools supporting this noisome industry if they alone suffered. But these people take a fiendish delight in exhibiting their choice "acquisitions" to less sophisticated people.

Not long ago one particularly objectionable volume found its way to a University town, where its owner reimbursed himself for his original outlay by charging a reading-fee from students.

It is desirable that the Public Prosecutor should at once seriously consider the suggestion made by Sir Ernest Wild, at the Old Bailey trial, that other prosecutions should follow.

The facts we have in our dossiers we propose to give to the police.



"A case with many valuable lessons"—top-hatted, Sir William Pyke sent Gray and Mowl for trial at the Old Bailey, where Sir Ernest Wild (centre) sentenced them. Mr. J. F. Eales (in nose-glasses), defending, raised an interesting point

Race with "Silver Ring"

THE JUMPERS' Ascot

THE merry month of March is brimful of good things for the racing man. Two Aintree tests that matter—the National Trial 'Chase at Gatwick and the Hurst Park Trial 'Chase—are down for decision.

Sandwiched between comes the "Jumpers' Ascot" at Cheltenham, and towards the end of the month we have the Lincoln, Grand National and Liverpool Cup.

Next to the "National" I consider the N.H. 'Chase, at Cheltenham's festival, the most sporting event of the year. Amateur riders only take part.

The race is for horses which at entrance have never won a race of any description under N.H. rules, and it is run over a special track of four miles.

It differs from the big race at Aintree inasmuch as the jumps are taken only once.

I have found the winner twice in recent years for JOHN BULL readers, and on this occasion I take sides with Evolution.

Why Not is the only 'chaser to win this race in the Grand National, but Sir Lindsay nearly did the trick last season and may succeed in capturing the second "leg" this month, but I prefer Easter Hero.

Sir Lindsay, however, should win the Aintree trial at Gatwick this week-end.

"JOHN BULL'S" CODE

The Code for this week is as follows. It covers the racing from Thursday, March 5, to Wednesday, March 11.

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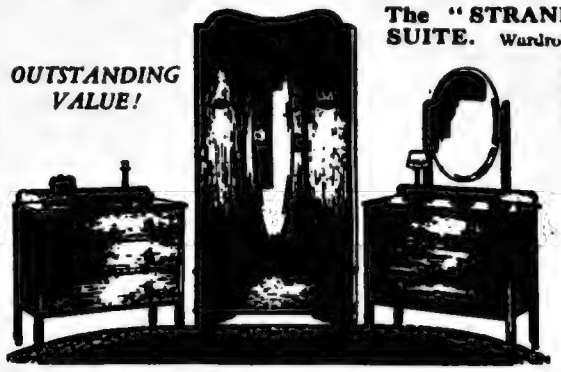

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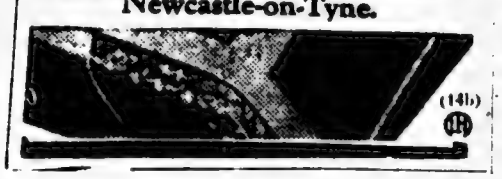

10,000 a Year for the Peace Brigadier

HAVE you had a row with your employer? Is your home life upset through quarrels and misunderstandings? At any point of contact with your fellow men and women is some secret misery poisoning the happiness of life?

In the course of a year thousands of "grouses" reach the ears of JOHN BULL, and we do all in our power to give useful aid and counsel.

But there is room for the efforts of more than one organisation, and we gladly pay tribute to any social agency which is striving to brighten the lives of men and women.

No finer impulse ever stirred the warm heart of the late General Bramwell Booth, of the Salvation Army, than that which induced him, a year or two before his retirement, to set up a Reconciliation Bureau.

Bill gets the "sack"

This bureau has for its aim the appeasement of all kinds of quarrels which kindly sympathy and shrewd intelligence might dissolve into friendly smiles.

It is excellent news that, in spite of recent changes in Salvation Army control, the Reconciliation Bureau is still flourishing.

Talk to Brigadier George Batson, who is at the head of the bureau in London, and you will hear a fascinating story of magic wrought by friendly human hands.

"Bill," after twenty-two years with the same firm, has quarrelled with the "guvnor" and got the "sack."

Sullen, embittered, he loafs for a few days around the neighbouring public-houses, sourly airing his grievance, till his money is gone and he is faced with the cheerless prospect of the "dole."

Meanwhile, at home things are none too easy—the wife, angry at the mishap which has overtaken her man, worried as to how the youngsters are to be fed and clothed, is disposed to blame the husband for the catastrophe which has overwhelmed them all.

Then, one day, somebody mentions the Reconciliation Bureau. "Bill" snorts contemptuously, for he does not hold with this "praying and psalm-singing," and what is a religious body likely to do for "the likes of him"?

"Chancing it"

Finally, he "chances it," and to his amazement finds that he is not expected to drop on his knees or sit on the penitent form.

At headquarters a calm, shrewd man-of-the-world takes particulars of his case, finds that there is nothing he would like better than to shake hands with the "guvnor" and start again, learns that he is "a bit hasty now and then," and that his employer "takes a drop of drink"—hears these things, and understands.

The interview concluded, "Bill" retires to an adjacent room. The telephone is put in action. The "guvnor" seems a reasonable enough fellow, and all goes smoothly.

That very day "Bill" is back in his old job. At night the missus is all smiles again, her worries vanished, peace and happiness restored.

Another married couple have reached breaking-point. It is the common case of a married woman earning independent wages, while the husband, a bit the worse for wear through the war, searches in vain for a job.

Repeated quarrels, incessant bickering over money matters, have led to a separation meant to be final.

These disputes between married couples call for infinite tact and discretion.

It is not easy to approach a woman with the intimation that you have called to straighten out her matrimonial affairs, or a husband with the announcement that you are there to discuss his relationships with his wife.

The first thing in this case was to find work for the husband, restoring his self-respect, enabling him to hold up his head among his fellows. Somehow this was managed.

The wife, meanwhile, was tactfully approached—women share in the work of the bureau—and it was discovered, happily, that the husband she once had loved was still the only man in her life.

How the two came together again is not officially known. It is the precious secret of two hearts at last reunited, for ever as both believe, by the magic of the helping hand.

Not only the poor are assisted. No class-barrier hinders the working of human brotherhood.

It is not long since the marriage tangle of a barrister and his wife was sorted out, a divorce averted, a home and children saved from scandal and disgrace.

A well-to-do merchant met with financial reverses. Under the strain his mind gave way, and in a moment of frenzy he attempted suicide by throwing himself under a train.

There is a standing order at Scotland Yard that cases of attempted suicide shall be referred to the Salvation Army.

At Bow Street an officer from the bureau interviewed the man, who at first declined all information.

Under kindly pressure he presently mentioned the name of a brother, with whom communication was established.

To the care of this relative, away in the country, the would-be suicide was committed while capable officers of the bureau investigated his business affairs, settled with his creditors, averted the bankruptcy of the business, and saved its reputation, which stood high among City firms.

An ocean bridged

Sometimes the bureau's work means "hands across the world."

In one instance a husband sulking in Canada was reconciled to a wife in England, although both had sworn eternal vows never to speak to each other again.

There was the case of a man in a position of high commercial trust who had got into difficulties which might easily have led to criminal prosecution.

Nervous trouble was partly responsible, but the poor fellow stuck to his job, vainly trying to extricate himself from difficulties which grew worse instead of better as the days went by.

Finally, the bureau was called in. A long holiday was arranged, the board of directors being actually persuaded to vote the necessary expenses.

It may be some time before the patient is fitted to resume work, but he retains the respect of his employers, and provision has been made for him till he can face the world again.

These applications for aid in adversity exceed 10,000 a year.

That each one is patiently and sympathetically dealt with no one can doubt who has sat for an hour with Brigadier Batson, heard him talk of the work he loves, listened to his stories of strife assuaged and lives redeemed.

They exhale the glamour of romance. None the less they bear the stamp of truth, and if the doubter wants proofs, they are ready to hand.

Binding a bargain in a bureau office—"Magic wrought by friendly human hands"

The Broken-Heart BUREAU

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The charm of the English "schoolgirl complexion" never fails to impress — its clean, fresh glow tells of health. It is the recognised standard of natural loveliness. And beauty experts all over the world agree with Marguerite Hoare when she advocates Palmolive as the facial soap that will preserve and guard English beauty in all its radiance.

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This simple home treatment

What Marguerite Hoare advises is an ever-so-easy home treatment. First, make a lather of Palmolive Soap and warm water. Secondly, with your finger-tips massage this into face and throat, working the impurities out of the pores. Thirdly, rinse off the soap with warm water . . . gradually colder and colder. There! Isn't that cleanliness delightful?

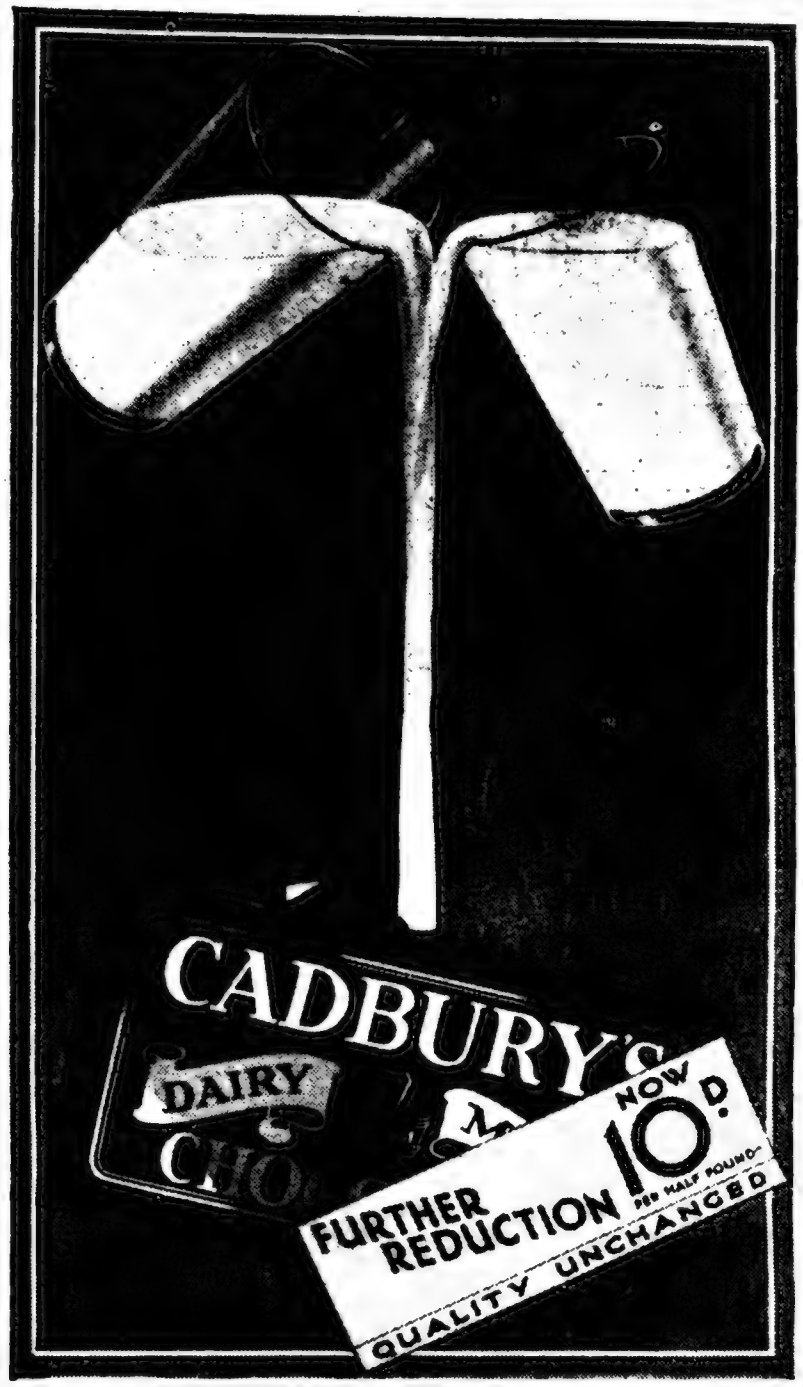
When you use Palmolive you get the benefits of the world's leading toilet soap. For Palmolive is a pure vegetable oil soap – made from the famous natural olive and palm oils. Its colour is the natural colour of these two oils. Its mild soothing lather beautifies and preserves the skin by protecting its natural delicacy. It cleanses safely, beautifies easily.

Be sure the soap you use does not irritate – the naturalness of Palmolive is your safeguard against irritation.

Use Palmolive for the bath as well, it costs but 4½d. per tablet and you will find it lathers abundantly even in the hardest water.

4½d PER TABLET

Keep that Schoolgirl Complexion



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"It is a definite danger to the community. How often do the newspapers report the sudden collapse of a man driving a taxi, or a charabanc or a private car in the midst of fast-moving traffic?

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"Of course, we ring up other hospitals, but they are in much the same position as ourselves, though sometimes we are able to arrange for the patient to be received by an infirmary."

"She died"

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REAL LIFE STORIES

THE Hundredth CHANCE

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Illustrated by George Soper

MANY people seem to look upon the novelist as a sort of confessor to whom they can with perfect safety unburden their souls. Some queer life-stories have been told to me in this way. But the queerest I ever heard was related to me by a man who had once been a crook.

I met him in East Africa, where he had "made good," and was running a flourishing coffee-estate some forty miles from Nairobi.

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Larrimore—as I will call him for the purposes of this story—had taken up a life of doubtful adventure for sheer love of excitement and danger.

It was not surprising that, having reached the comparatively prudent age of forty, he should suddenly grow tired of the game.

He had decided on his last coup, which, however, was likely to be the most risky that he had yet undertaken.

He was not alone in it. There were big Mack Henderson and the light-fingered half-caste, Freerton. The idea—a daring one—was Larrimore's.

The actual theft of the diamonds which would take place during their transit from Johannesburg to Capetown was Freerton's affair. Getting them out of the country devolved upon Larrimore.

ONCE in London, he knew the "lumber" where he could dispose of the uncut stones with no further risk.

"Mack," who had ascertained that the R.M.S. *Montania* would sail from Capetown without its full complement of passengers, had booked a single cabin with bathroom, cancelling it within two days of the scheduled departure.

Half an hour before the *Montania* was due to sail, Larrimore was strolling down the busy thoroughfare of Adderley Street, carrying a suitcase.

He next hailed a hansom cab (the sort of thing that can be done in Capetown), and, as he paused to give instructions to the coloured driver, a passer-by lurched heavily against him.

"A passer-by lurched heavily against him. There were exclamations . . ."

There were exclamations, a quick apology from the stranger, who went on his way; then Larrimore climbed into the hansom and was driven towards the quay.

In his pocket was a small, chamois-leather bag which had not been in his possession before the "stranger" had stumbled against him.

"Not much time wasted in getting the stuff out of the country," he meditated with satisfaction.

Arriving on the quay, Larrimore coolly walked up the gangway of the *Montania* and mingled with the crowd on deck.

Then, making his way to the smoking-room, he sauntered thence down the companion-way to Deck B, where he made for cabin 34, which had previously been engaged—and also cancelled—by Mack.

He entered, softly closed the door and glanced round. It had not been taken, as it was not prepared for an occupant. This was luck.

Had the ship been full there was every possibility that an eleventh-hour passenger might have booked the cancelled berth.

He had to take that risk in any case. But Larrimore, accustomed to gambling with Fate, believed that luck favoured the daredevil and gave him ninety-nine chances in a hundred to pull off a venture.

It was the hundredth chance with which he had to reckon, and its possibilities of failure that gave such zest to an adventure.

At the sound of footsteps along the alleyway, Larrimore stepped swiftly into the narrow wardrobe and dragged his suitcase after him. He hoped he would not be compelled to conceal himself too frequently in the wardrobe.

At night, as the cabin was supposed to be unoccupied, he could sleep on the mattress undisturbed. During the day he would conceal himself in the bathroom.

IN the suitcase was packed sufficient food to last him during the voyage — biscuits, tinned beef, meat extract, also a flask of brandy. Water was available, of course, in the cabin.

The sum of £20,000 was represented in the little bag of diamonds which had been slipped to him in Adderley Street.

From his cramped quarters he heard the scurrying of feet on the deck above, voices in the alleyway.

At last, to his relief, he distinguished the throbbing of the engines, the three short blasts from the siren announcing that the ship was under way.

He did not attempt to emerge from his hiding-place, however. Better to be on the safe side.

Ten minutes elapsed. Voices near his cabin kept him rigid; then the door was flung open, and he heard a steward saying:

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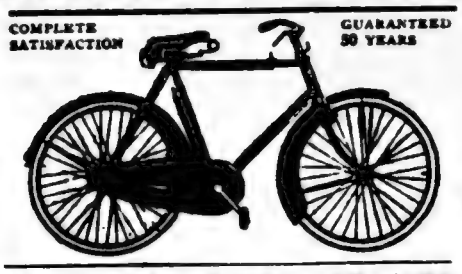

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"The Hundredth Chance" —Continued from page 28

prefer this side on the homeward journey."

Larrimore could have cursed aloud. He had not reckoned on a passenger changing quarters after the ship had started. Was this to be the hundredth chance that would weigh against him?

Everything depended on the type of woman who had taken possession of his hiding-place. With strained nerves he listened as she gave orders to the steward.

The transference of her luggage from the other cabin did not take long, and when the steward had gone the woman at once began to unpack.

SOON she would fling open the wardrobe. Larrimore slipped the revolver from his pocket. It was as well to be prepared for anything that might happen. He could only pray that she would not scream.

Indeed, she did nothing of the kind. For fully five seconds after opening the door of the wardrobe she stood staring at him more in astonishment than fear.

In that brief space of time he had taken quite a number of lightning impressions.

She was good-looking. He was glad of that, for a handsome woman was always more amenable than a plain one, he declared.

She had a firm chin, and, best of all, to his way of thinking, she had hazel eyes. He always held that women with hazel eyes were courageous and had a sense of humour.

"What are you doing here?" she demanded at last.

He stepped out of the wardrobe and replaced the revolver in his pocket. The story he had prepared came from his lips with convincing glibness.

The younger brother in London who had got himself into a mess—now seriously ill in hospital. He could not go to the ailing and erring brother's side as he had no money for the voyage, and so had hit upon this audacious and novel way of acting "stowaway."

Fantastic as the story must have sounded, I know enough of Larrimore to believe that he could make it ring true, for the man was a born actor, added to which he had considerable charm and good looks.

Certainly the girl with the hazel eyes put many searching questions, but finally was led to believe in his story to the extent of promising to help in his plan.

As soon as all was clear and the alleyway deserted she kept guard while he dived into No. 27 opposite—the cabin she had just vacated.

WHEN this was done, Larrimore found himself chuckling a little at this unexpected turn in the adventure. He took it as a good omen.

Then he fell to thinking of the girl with the hazel eyes.

He had not, it seemed, mistaken the goodness of her heart. That same evening she slipped into the cabin, where he sat in darkness, handed him a packet of sandwiches and some fruit, and then glided away again.

He was immensely grateful for this variation to the monotony of his diet, but even more grateful for the kindly "Cheer up" which she had whispered to him before fluttering away.

He had even began to feel uncomfortable as he dwelt on the way he was making her an unconscious party to fraud—the first time he had listened to the voice of conscience, which was a certain sign that it was time to retire from his calling.

During the irksome days that followed, Larrimore admits that he did a great deal of thinking, there being, in fact, nothing else to do.

The girl offered to bring him books to read, but he dared not run the risk of letting his mind drift even for a moment from the job in hand.

He began to long for her brief visits, to treasure up every word of those whispered conversations which took place at times when she came in to cheer up his loneliness.

In this way he discovered that she had been governess to the children of a wealthy Dutch family in Muizenberg.

Her charges now went to school, she explained, and so her employers had paid her fare back to London.

In answer to his query, she admitted that she had not a job to go to on arrival in England.

"But I've managed to save something. I've time to look round," she added.

Larrimore smiled when he thought that he, too, had "managed to save something." He felt thankful that this was his last coup.

New plans, which included the girl with the hazel eyes, a snug little property in the country, and a future of respectability, were forming in his mind.

Luck remained with Larrimore throughout the voyage. He had faced the inevitable narrow escapes, of course, when a steward came in unexpectedly, and on another occasion when the officers who were doing "inspection" entered the cabin.

Larrimore had barely time to slip into the bathroom at their approach. No wonder he grew immensely weary of that voyage. The anxiety, the lack of exercise, the close quarters, all began to prey upon his mind.

And when, at last, the prospect of his escape loomed nearer, he thought of the necessity for action with profound relief—even though the most dangerous part of the whole enterprise was yet to be negotiated.

Also, the girl with the hazel eyes had promised to meet him in London. She had given him an address to which he could write.

The night before the *Montania* was due to arrive in Southampton she came to wish him good-bye.

"You're taking an awful risk—I hope you'll carry it off all right," she said. She seemed unduly agitated.

"Do you mind very much what happens to me?" he asked.

"Of course I do." He was quick to catch the tender note in her voice.

"And you are going to meet me again in London? You promise?"

"I promise. You—you—poor darling," she murmured impulsively. And then the miracle happened. She put her arms about him, kissed him lightly on the lips, and sped away before he could utter a word.

FOR nearly an hour he sat in a delicious dream, even forgetting the peril that lay before him, being only jerked into his former watchfulness by the sharp voice of command outside.

It was but one sentence uttered by the chief officer, but it made Larrimore's heart miss a beat. It was this: "The cabins must be searched immediately."

They were on his track, then. His ruse must have been discovered—perhaps a wireless message from Capetown had been transmitted to the *Montania*.

His mind, travelling with lightning rapidity in this crisis, thought of methods of escape. As it would be chiefly the unoccupied cabins the officers would search, his only chance lay in making a dash to No. 34.

He would have to rely upon the girl shielding him, but there was no other alternative.

By the sound of the voices he judged that the officer was at the end of the alleyway. He slipped across unobserved and entered No. 34. It was empty.

Breathlessly he dived into the wardrobe, pushing aside the hangers that held the flimsy dresses.

Scarcely had he pulled the door of the wardrobe after him than the chief officer and two stewards came into the cabin.

"Open the wardrobe," said the chief.

Larrimore knew that the game was up, but this time he did not reach for his revolver.

Instead, he swiftly removed the leather bag of diamonds from the lining of his coat and slipped it into the pocket of a silk jumper that was on the nearest hanger.

A moment later he was confronting his captors with an expression of philosophic calm. Taken before the captain he boldly repeated his prepared story.

The captain seemed to be singularly incredulous.

"I don't believe a word of all this," he retorted. "I suppose you're totally unaware that one of our passengers has been robbed of some very valuable jewels?"

Larrimore could have shouted aloud in his relief. He had not expected this turn to the situation. His suggestion that he was a new form of stowaway would have to be accepted now.

"I assure you I know nothing of the affair," he protested vehemently.

"Search him," briefly ordered the captain.

Larrimore submitted to this cheerfully, for in this direction he felt that he had nothing to fear.

Yet a few moments later he was staring, sick and dazed, at a necklace of emeralds which had been taken from his jacket pocket.

They lay on the table before the captain like a rivulet of green fire. Even in that dreadful moment he was able to compute their enormous value.

"So you consider this is nothing," said the captain with a mocking smile. "That is where we differ. You are under arrest. To-morrow you will be handed over to the authorities."

LARRIMORE knew that he was beaten. The hundredth chance in favour of justice and against himself had turned up at last.

He knew now why the girl with the hazel eyes had wished to change her cabin—it was in order that she could be nearer the owner of the emeralds.

Her plans, too, had apparently gone wrong. The loss must have been discovered sooner than she had expected, and so, to save herself, she had slipped the stolen emeralds into Larrimore's jacket pocket in that swift embrace.

Later he, to save himself, *had deposited the bag of diamonds in his pocket!* The situation was ironical.

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"I paid the penalty for her crime," continued Larrimore with a whimsical smile, "and she got away with £20,000 worth of diamonds. I've always been ashamed of the way I bungled my last coup."

"And the girl. . . . Did you ever meet her again?"

"I didn't try. But ever since then—you'll scarcely believe it—I've had the most absurd prejudice against women with hazel eyes!"

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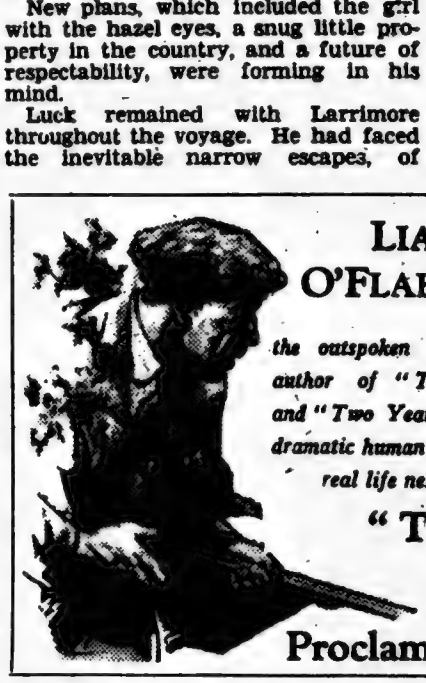

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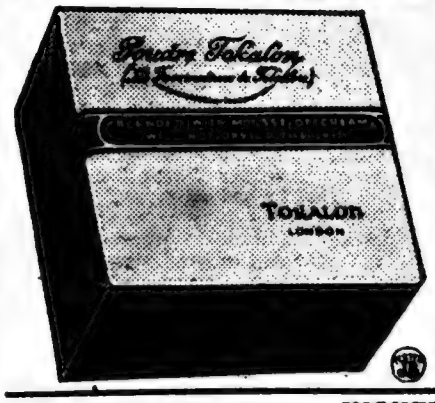

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FOUR years ago I married a man twice my age, he being forty-four and I just turned twenty-one. I knew when I first met him that he was married and living apart from his wife, also that an action for divorce was pending.

My home life was wretchedly unhappy, I was deeply in love, and when my lover told me that the case was over and showed me papers in proof, I believed him.

He secured a convenient, modern house by putting down a lump sum and arranging to pay the rest as rent. The furniture was also procured on the hire-purchase system.

IN spite of the strain, we were happy. My husband's salary was £8 a week, and we looked forward joyfully to the birth of our child, a fine boy who arrived at the end of the first year.

It was when putting away his birth-certificate among other papers that I came across a bundle relating to my husband's divorce, and I found I had been most horribly deceived.

My husband had not divorced his wife. It was the other way about. She had taken proceedings because of a disgraceful affair of his with a girl.

The couple had lived at an hotel as man and wife during a holiday, and the wife had divorced him.

But the decree had never been made absolute, and, so far as I could gather from these letters, never would be now that the wife knew about me.

I hardly knew what I was doing, and my husband, on his return home, could see that something had upset me.

I reproached him, but he poohpoohed the idea, saying I was raising a storm in a teacup, because we had been legally married, in church, and as the child was registered and baptised in his name, there was nothing whatever to worry about.

But I could not take this view, nor did my partner's subsequent conduct support it. He became irritable and careless, got into debt, and finally disappeared, leaving no trace.

As creditors pressed for payment, I had to relinquish much of our furniture and part with the house at a loss. I have kept a good many things, and am going out to work to pay for them.

But I have had to take shelter for myself and my baby with my relatives, and their sneers and reproaches are not the least part of my punishment.

Unhappy me! I still love this man who deceived me; but am I his wife, and is my child legitimate?

"HUMANIST" says: You are the innocent victim of a scoundrel, and unfortunately you have no means of legalising your marriage.

You could tell the police and have your husband prosecuted for bigamy, but that would not make your child legitimate.

An action for maintenance, too, even if you did trace him, would only result in his going to prison.

There would be no point either, in begging the first wife to have her decree made absolute. Such a step would not affect the position of either you or your child.

I pity, but cannot help you. Remember always that illegitimacy is no disability in the eyes of true British people.

WHIRLWIND WIFE

destroys home life

MARRIED during a short leave from France towards the end of the war, I confidently hoped to settle down into quiet civilian life when peace came. How bitterly I have been disillusioned!

To begin with, my wife continued to live with her parents, and when I came home, though my little lad was then eleven months old and I had never yet seen him, she gave me no particular welcome, and seemed annoyed by my presence rather than otherwise.

I tried to believe myself mistaken as I set about getting a home, but it was gradually borne in upon me that my wife thought only of herself.

She was keen on money, her one aim being to get as much as possible out of me.

When I saw that none of it was spent on the home, I remonstrated, but she rounded on me like a tigress.

When I received my Army gratuity she worried me to buy a piano. Both she and her father were musical, and I entrusted the purchase of the instrument to them.

It was not until several years later that I discovered the thing was not paid for, the money I had given for its purchase having been pocketed.

I made enquiries, and found other disturbing things, such as that my wife was continually using my money to help her father out of his financial straits.

In the end I left my wife, and for several years have never set eyes on her, though I have always sent her a weekly allowance.

But I feel very lonely at times. I am often laid up with weakness due to war service, and I wonder whether I can do anything to mend matters.

"HUMANIST" says: You have been to blame for not ruling your household with a firmer hand and insisting upon the money being wisely spent.

It takes two to make a quarrel, but one may sometimes hold out the olive-branch and try to heal the breach.

Besides, what of your son? You do not mention him, and I think, if only for his sake, you should try to make it up with your wife.

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"I miss my husband very much," his widow told us. "He was a good husband to me and good to the children. He used to give me practically every penny he earned."

She keeps the home spotless, and her boys, aged eleven, eight, six and four years, looked neat enough when we saw them in their black jerseys, playing outside, but their boots were at their last gasp. The little girls are aged two and a half years and thirteen months.

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Human Documents

HE WHO GIVES

what isn't his'n

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This had reduced the family to such a terrible state of poverty that they were absolutely without food and had seen no fire for days.

I followed him home that night and found all exactly as the lad had described.

My heart was so wrung that I told the lad I should turn a blind eye whenever he took a bit of coal from our heaps, and I know that every now and again he did filch a little fuel.

But trouble loomed when one day the chauffeur caught the boy coming out of the wood-shed with his arms full.

I am horrified to learn that he intends seeing to it that the boy is brought before a magistrate and charged with thieving.

Pleading with the chauffeur is useless.

I feel I cannot bear to see this poor lad punished for what is really my fault, but I have my wife and family to think of, and I know if I told the truth to my employer I should be dismissed on the spot.

"HUMANIST" says: Since you are the thief by giving away goods not yours to bestow, you must throw yourself upon your employer's mercy by telling him the truth.

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MY conscience is Minister of Justice in my life's Parliament. It threatens me, promises me, rewards me, and punishes me—in a word, it keeps me under its control.

In my busiest moments I must attend to its stern remonstrances; at the height of my power I submit to its reproofs; and when seething with anger I endure its undisguised upbraidings.

When my conscience is in friendly mood peace most perfect is mine; but if offended, then do I bid farewell to my tranquillity of mind, for the torture of an offended conscience is the hell of the living soul.—*P. J. Faulkner, London, S.W.*

Unnecessary?

Nothing. I never allow it. When I was younger, I listened to it, and my life was a misery. I was conscious of every meanness and sin under the sun.

Then I—mentally—amputated my conscience, as one does one's appendix, as being unnecessary.

I am happy now, and perhaps no worse.—*D. Wilkinson, Worksop.*

A Reminder

Whenever I read that some poor creature has been found guilty and sentenced for a certain offence, my conscience carries me back to my early days, when I was guilty of a similar crime, but was not found out.

Had I been detected I should probably have been a criminal instead of a respected citizen because I repented and made good.

Hence I am never too hasty to condemn others because my own experience gives me a sympathetic understanding, and conscience reminds me that I should judge myself first.—*D. A., Lancs.*

Afraid

My conscience has done two things for me. It has made me at once a rich man and a beggar.

I am rich in friendships, because my conscience will not allow me to do anyone real harm.

Something else tells me that if I chose to exploit my friends I could become prosperous.

Yet, were I to do that, I know my conscience would torture me with my infamy.

Thus, my conscience, while being a big help, is also my biggest drawback, since I, in common with millions more, am afraid of it.—*J. Routledge, Saltley.*

False

Conscience makes me appear to be outwardly what I am not inwardly. It makes me sympathise (outwardly) with beggars, while inwardly I abhor them.

It makes me give to charity, thus appearing kind, while actually I am mean.

It makes me do apparently brave things, while actually I am a coward.

It keeps me honest when actually I am a thief. In short, it makes me an absolute hypocrite.—*C. P. L., Clapham.*

No Palaver

Reminds me of the responsibility I owe to the other fellow—that eight full hours of honest work is his acknowledged right, and without parley or palaver it must be given.

Sometimes I feel like slacking, but its voice rings forth the command, "Do it; you know it's right."

It lays before me the plain, unvarnished and often unpalatable truth that in every sphere of life the game of "give and take" pays the best in the long run.—*W. P. Donovan, Aigburth.*

Justified?

Being married and able to live on my husband's earnings, I wonder whether I am a fool to allow my conscience to debar me from a further income.

On every hand I see married women drawing 15s. per week by "signing on" for the "dole."

Like me, they have no intention of working again, but justify their action by saying that as they have paid it in, why shouldn't they draw it out?

I should be equally justified, but conscience says it is wrong, and, confounding my common-sense, keeps me off it.—*R. Jabbitt, Birmingham.*

None So Deaf

Conscience is the little chappie squatting at the back of my brain. He is so keen that he anticipates my thoughts and actions.

If I intend doing something that is wrong, he whispers "Don't" ever so quietly, yet loud enough for me to hear.

When I desire to do wrong, I pretend not to hear. I find that if I continually ignore him, his small voice becomes fainter and fainter, until I can quite easily forget he exists.

But when I land myself in trouble, I remember that he *did* warn me that I was taking a false step.—*Samuel Allen, Glam.*

Well—

In my case conscience has been a hard taskmaster.

Acting on principle—or, in other words, on the dictates of my conscience—I refused to identify myself with projects not morally just.

Result—I now find myself nowhere and comparatively poor. I wonder now was it worth while.

Still, I have the consoling thought that I have not advanced at a fellow-creature's expense, and, if eventually we are to be judged by a Higher Tribunal, well——.—*H. S., Oldham.*

Keep Flag Flying

My conscience tells me to bring up my children, not by telling them to do right, but by my own example of always acting rightly.

My conscience says forget the injuries I have received, and help some one poorer than myself, even if I give him only a copper.

My conscience tells me to have courage under difficulties, to keep the flag flying, and to look for better times.—*F. G., Aberdeen.*

Paying Guest

I have had a lodger for a number of years, and his name is Conscience.

He came uninvited, but he has been of so much service to me that I now regard him as indispensable.

When first we became acquainted we disagreed on many matters, and then I used to call him a nuisance, because he always wanted me to follow his advice.

Very soon I found out that going contrary to his wishes meant going wrong, whereas if I followed his advice everything went right.

So while I live, I think he will remain here.—*Miner, Loughor.*

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Push—Pull

Conscience is the signal which warns me when I am in danger of sliding off the rails on life's permanent way.—*J. T. Williams, Anfield.*

Gives me confidence for the present and no fears for the future.—*J. M., Bryn.*

Makes me an advocate of peace and a member of the League of Nations.—*N. C., Pickering.*

'Tis to me a mirror in which I can read my soul, without exposing its frailties to the eyes of a pitiless world.—*R. D., Kildare.*

When I say to myself, "Shall I or shall I not?" conscience becomes my willing arbitrator and controller.—*E. E. B., Leicester.*

TIDES OF MARCH

Football Forecasts for March 7—by OUR EXPERT

FIRST DIVISION.

(1) Blackburn v. Villa.
(2) ARSENAL v. Huddersfield.
**(3) BIRMINGHAM v. Manchester U.
(4) Blackpool v. Chelsea.
**(5) DERBY v. Bolton.
(6) LEEDS v. Newcastle.
(7) LEICESTER v. Grimsby.
(8) MANCHESTER C. v. Liverpool.
(9) PORTSMOUTH v. Middlesbrough.
(10) SHEFFIELD U. v. West Ham.
(11) Sunderland v. Wednesday.

SECOND DIVISION.

(1) BURY v. Wolverhampton.
(2) BARNSLEY v. Preston.
(3) BRADFORD C. v. Notts Forest.
(4) Bristol C. v. Burnley.
(5) CARDIFF v. Southampton.
(6) Charlton v. HOTSPUR.
**(7) EVERTON v. Reading.
(8) PLYMOUTH v. Bradford.
*(9) PORT VALE v. Oldham.
(10) SWANSEA v. Stoke.
**(11) W.B. ALBION v. Millwall.

THIRD DIVISION (Southern).

(1) FULHAM v. Luton.
*(2) BOSCOMBE v. Newport.
(3) ORIENT v. Brighton.
(4) Coventry v. Southend.
(5) Norwich v. Northampton.
**(6) NOTTS COUNTY v. Exeter.
(7) Q.P. Rangers v. BRENTFORD.
(8) SWINDON v. Bristol R.
(9) THAMES v. Torquay.
(10) Walsall v. PALACE.
(11) WATFORD v. Gillingham.

THIRD DIVISION (Northern).

(1) HARTLEPOOLS v. Crewe.
(2) DARLINGTON v. Carlisle.
(3) DONCASTER v. Southport.
*(4) GATESHEAD v. Barrow.
(5) HALIFAX v. York.
(6) HULL v. Accrington.
**(7) LINCOLN v. Rochdale.
(8) Nelson v. TRANMERE.
(9) NEW BRIGHTON v. Rotherham.
(10) STOCKPORT v. Chesterfield.
(11) WIGAN v. Wrexham.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

(1) FALKIRK v. Morton.
(2) Aberdeen v. RANGERS.
(3) Ayr v. AIRDRIE.
(4) CLYDE v. East Fife.
(5) Cowdenbeath v. Hearts.
*(6) HAMILTON v. Kilmarnock.
(7) HIBERNIANS v. Queen's Park.
*(8) MOTHERWELL v. Dundee.
(9) Partick v. Celtic.
*(10) ST. MIRREN v. Leith.

Probable winners are set in CAPITALS. Where no distinction is made a draw is likely. Best selections are marked with two asterisks and next best with one.

WINNERS IN CODE

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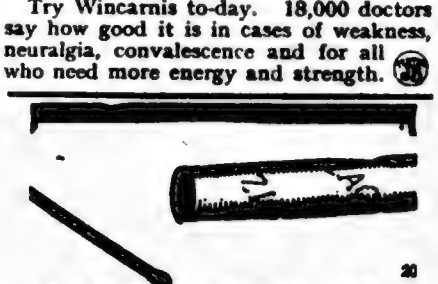

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Clues Across.

1. JEER AT.
4. FOUND IN FISHING HARBOUR.
9. FINISH.
10. CONSUME.
11. FORM OF TRANSPORT.
12. PRECIOUS STONE.
14. WIFE'S APT TO BE, SOME TIMES.
15. HARD-HEARTED.
18. CONCRETE IS, WHEN HARD.
19. THIS MAKES PEDESTRIAN JUMP.
20. MOTHER OFTEN MENDS.
22. USED TO TREES.
23. STAGGER.
25. REAR PART OF THE FOOT.
27. CONSUMED.
29. EMPLOY.
30. BOIL SLOWLY.
31. USED FOR CLEANING FLOOR.
33. NOT HIGH.
35. BRIGHT COLOUR.
38. RODENTS.
40. IS EPSTEIN'S WORK THIS?
41. VERY STRICT.
42. MAKES MOTORIST GO MORE SLOWLY.
43. MOTORIST'S OFTEN GETS SOILED.
44. MEMORIES OFTEN REVIVED BY.

Clues Down.

1. PLACE TO SIT DOWN BY THE SEA.
2. SMELL.
3. TRUE.
5. USED FOR RUBBING OUT INK.
6. BEHINDHAND.
7. NOT A LOT.
8. ARTFUL.
13. FIVE YEARS' — — SERVITUDE.
16. THESE ENHANCE WOMEN'S BEAUTY.
17. THESE SELL GOODS TO PASSERS BY.
21. ARTICLES OF CLOTHING.
24. COMMON TREE.
25. CRUEL CHILD DOES TO KITTEN.
26. SLIPPERY FISH.
28. FEMALE SHEEP.
30. CLUSTER OF BEES.
32. MANY TIMES.
34. CRUDE MINERAL.
36. RAISED PLATFORM.
37. FAVOURED ANIMAL.
39. AFTERNOON MEAL.

Chambers's 20th Century Dictionary and Nuttall's Dictionary (late Latest edition) were used in compiling this puzzle.

Winners in X-Word No. 103 appear on Page 10.

Solution of 'John Bull' X-Word No. 103

JB 103

Result will be published next week.

The solution of "John Bull" X-word No. 103 is given here with as a matter of interest to our X-word competitors. We wish to emphasise that no claims are required for this X-word, as all entries are being carefully examined by our staff.

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P. L. (Dover).—"My cook always reads oetry when the joint is cooking." rowning, we suppose.

A. L. (Barnsley).—"Cars get out of ate very quickly." They age perceptibly prolonged traffic jams.

P. N. (Paddington).—"The bridegroom as driven to the church on a fire-ngine." Was there no escape?

A. N. (Marlow).—"The modern girl is ery hard." But a diamond will gener-lly make an impression on her.

P. V. (Evesham).—"Many Scots are orn in England." Look at the fare hey save.

C. J. (Aldershot).—"I have grown grey n the service of the Army." Old soldiers ever dye.

J. K. (Sefton).—"A debtor can gener-lly get time to pay." Or me if he doesn't.

P. N. (Kew).—"In some arts of China workers re paid in goats and owls." A living wage.

J. K. (Southport).—"My husband listens-in all hours of the night." uning in when he hould be turning in.

JAMES C. (Oldham).—Is there a sporting hance for the poor debt-ollector?" Certainly; if e runs fast enough.

MOTOR AGENT (Sheffield).—"I stand behind very car I sell." It is, of ourse, the safest place to tand.

TED (Ealing).—"There's nly one sure way of pre-enting a greyhound from winning a ace." Put ten shillings on it, we sup-ose.

S. E. (Kensington).—"Collars should e done away with." We are forwarding he address of our laundry.

F. S. (Newquay).—"I smoke a terrible t of cigarettes." We fancy our office-oy favours the same brand.

S. M. (Bognor Regis).—"I am still aiting to start work on my garden." asn't your neighbour bought his roller t?

MRS. G. (Sydenham).—"What are the esigners of fashions creating for the ummer?" The usual domestic dis-utes.

D. M'N. (Inverness).—"Haggis dinners e becoming almost unknown in Scot-nd." The country has also many other dvantages that should attract the ourist.

J. C. D. (Liverpool).—"An American ulti-millionaire recently stated in an nterview that he intends never to arry." Evidently he means to remain multi-millionaire.

T. J. (Perth).—"Bridge-playing fairly ings my wife's hands into evidence er the table." Personally, it always ings our wife's feet into evidence under e table.

The Editor REPLIES

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service, who will deal with any matter causing anxiety to our readers. Simply send a stamped, addressed envelope with your query.

Pam (Llandudno).—"There are more left-handed girls than men." Men don't wear engagement rings.

B. P. (Colchester).—"What do you advise me to give up during Lent?" Writing letters.

B. K. (Bloomsbury).—"Whenever I make a public speech I can always tell what my audience is thinking." How very discouraging!

PUBLISHER (Fleet Street).—"Best sellers take a tremendous lot of managing." We wish they took a lot more writing, too.

I. L. (Dublin).—"We are to have seats for drivers on our new trams." In London we are still agitating for seats for passengers.

B. K. (Maidstone).—"A man recently risked his life to rescue his hat." Those theatre cloak-room fights are terrible affairs.

TOM (Reading).—"What do you sing when you leap out of bed in the morning?" We don't leap out of bed in the morning.

PIERRE C. (Cologne).—"Statuettes in ice are being exhibited in Paris." Visitors are requested not to praise the figures too warmly.

T. B. (Woolwich).—"What do you suggest I economise in first?" Stamps.

H. B. (Stoke Newington).—"I believe in the maxim 'Silence is golden.'" So does Charlie Chaplin.

C. N. (Ipswich).—"I suggest eliminating the middleman." That is one way to make both ends meet.

D. S. (Swindon).—"At our sports, we're having an event for messenger-boys." A delay race!

A. D. (Kendal).—"I'm told the latest craze in Vienna is to dance without music." At last jazz has reached Vienna.

H. D. (Goole).—"I see that a waiter hopes to swim the Channel this year." He'll use the crawl-stroke, of course.

E. C. (Hounslow).—"How can interest in Shakespeare be revived?" Ban his plays.

W. A. (Romford).—"If you go to America you will hear real jazz." We are grateful for the warning.

M. G. (Dawlish).—"Women always romance about their age." With men it's just a bald fact.

W. K. (Goole).—"Giving a broadcast talk is perfectly simple." As easy as B.B.C.?

W. R. (Bath).—"I am fascinated by empty houses." You are evidently not in the theatrical profession.

D. C. M. (London, S.W.).—"The first game of chess was started in the fourteenth century." Who's winning?

M. B. (Leeds).—"Schoolboy football is a very ordinary game." Just a common or garden affair.

E. G. (Heybridge).—"I owe everything to my wife." Don't forget to pay her back then.

SCIENTIST (Glasgow).—"By 1950 our food will be concentrated in small, round pellets." So the end of the square meal is in sight!

R. O. (Preston).—"I shall get my own back." You will, by return of post.

S. A. (Bodmin).—"Need I send stamps when sending you a manuscript?" Yes, but not the manuscript.

G. T. (Lowestoft).—"I am often mistaken for a certain well-known actor." How anncying for him.

G. B. (Daventry).—"I must stop now as visitors have arrived." Scold them for us for being late.

A. S. (Letchworth).—"Can you tell me how I can make a name for myself?" Yes, double your last initial.

C. H. (Truro).—"My brain has been my handicap." Don't let a little thing like that worry you.

A. N. (Goole).—"Peals of thunder interrupted my song." Kindly Mother Nature!

L. H. (Highgate).—"Nothing is accomplished by sitting still." Then how does a hen hatch out chickens?

R. P. (Bath).—"There are a lot of important sports fixtures this month." The March of events.

P. M. (Victoria).—"I fainted when getting out of the taxi." If taxi-drivers *have* got change they should break the news as gently as possible.

W. M. Durham).—"This is an age of irresponsible talking." Still, one can always switch on to an alternative programme.

D. S. (Darlington).—"The Doubting Thomases round here have had to eat their words about *Bullets*." Your job may be a pleasanter one—eating the result of your words. Look at the big Easter Hamper offer on page 39.

MISS AGNESS (Manchester).—"To relieve working mothers of their children during the daytime I am starting a kindergarten." You should have a howling success.

G. M. (Greenock).—"A Glasgow man recently rescued a tax-collector from drowning." Yet they say that a Scotsman always keep a cool head in an emergency.

EXPLORER (London, W.).—"When I was last in China I met a woman reputed to be 130 years old; but I couldn't think of anything complimentary to say to her." You could have remarked gallantly that she would pass for 117 anywhere.

(Many replies unavoidably held over)

SIDE-Slips

Examples of unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. In the event of the same "Slip" being sent by more than one reader, the award is paid to sender of the first letter opened. Mark envelopes "Slips."

EVENING NEWS (Portsmouth):—"The boys' choir was present, and the hymns, 'Peace, Perfect PEACH,' and 'Abide with me' were sung."

NORTHERN WHIG:—"The Town Surveyor was instructed to prepare a plan and estimate of a fire station, a first-class fire engine and any other fire-fighting equipment."

HALIFAX COURIER AND GUARDIAN:—"Campbell has been showered with congregations."

GREENOCK TELEGRAPH:—"Gaelic singers Almost Perfect.—The majority of the SINNERS wore the kilt."

EASTERN EVENING NEWS:—"Motor-boats dashed to the scene, and LIFEBOATS were flung to the men in the water."

TORBAY FOOTBALL HERALD:—"He ran nearly fifty yards, EATING all opposition."

EVENING WORLD:—"R.S.P.C.A. will arrange painless end for OWNERS of birds."

KIDDERMINSTER SHUTTLE:—"Mr. —— was charged with driving a motor-CAR without due care and attention."

"HER STOLEN SWEETHEART" (Novel):—"He held out the key upon the palm of his HEAD."

DAILY EXPRESS:—"Paisley Shawl, over seventy years old; NEW; VERY ANTIQUE."

LIVERPOOL ECHO:—"—— was summoned, for FAILING TO PAY less than the minimum wage."

EVENING ADVERTISER (Swindon):—"Perhaps you will prefer a WOODEN vest and 'shorts' to match."

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Mr. Parris, of Wolverhampton, writes to tell us that he answered an advertisement of S. A. Barry & Co. in "J.B." six years ago and bought an All Weather coat from them, paying 35/- for it. He has worn it to work every day for the last four years, and except that it is soiled it is as good now as when he first purchased it. Surely this is a record of value, but we are assured by Barry's, whose advertisement appears on page 10, that what they are to-day offering is at least as good and possibly better.

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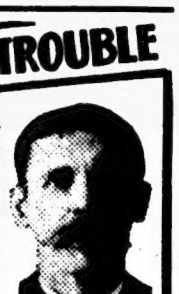

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EDINBURGH.—Mrs. M. Rutherford, 14, Buchanan St.
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Example:—Carried Too Far
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Example:—Putting His Foot In It
Bullet:—Henpeck Feels Like Centipede.

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With An Iron Hand—India Won—And Lost?
Mrs. E. NEWPORT, 31, Norfolk Avenue, Slough.
Wife's Sermon—That's All Burglar Got.
R. J. SMITH, 142, South Street, Rawmarsh.
Aches And Pains—"Pooh!" Till Father's "Ooh!"
G. TAYLOR, 60, Pix Road, Letchworth, Herts.
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2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon, and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed & Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
3. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Employees of Odhams Press and their families are not eligible to compete.

"Examples" for Competition No. 797.

World We Dream of—Britain's Balance—The Next Question—Conjurer Snowden—Uproar In The House—Man In The Workshop—Bit Of A Bother—In Industry's Garden—Poor Mr. Taxpayer—Fate Was Kind And—Motorists—When I Get A Job—In Poverty's Prison—Before The Public—Already—No Good To Anybody—Into The Unknown—What Mother Does—In The Lion's Den—First Home—Machinery's Marvellous, But—Immediately—Everybody Listens When—Ominous Silence—Eternally—Wise Counsel—Loving Wife—Pocket Your Pride And—Growling—Service To Humanity—The Census—What I Believe In—Fears—On Life's Chess-board—An Outcast—Thinking Of The Future—Staggering—For Some—Cupid, The Rascal—Heard Everywhere.

(Closing Saturday, March 28.)

Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 796

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WINSTON'S GAME	NOT QUITE READY	TRIPPING UP
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GETTING HIS MONEY BACK	HE PAID THE BILL AND	SHE HAD A HUSBAND, BUT
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